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Prop. 102 Way Ahead Dannemeyer Measure Favored by 72-22 Margin; Van Gorder Urges Gays, Lesbians to Get Cracking

by Allen White

Proposition 102 is supported by 72 percent of the voters, according to a California Poll released this week by pollster Mervyn Field.

"We assume that, to some degree, the results were skewed, yet, nevertheless, the results are so serious that we have a real problem on our hands. It means that people have to take this thing seriously and help us out," said Dana Van Gorder, Northern California coordinator of the No on Prop. 102 campaign.

A huge 72 percent of those polled were in favor of the AIDS-related initiative, 22 percent were opposed, and only 8 percent were of no opinion. That so few people have stated they have no opinion frightens Van Gorder the most.

Van Gorder said that he assumes "they will have access to a great deal of insurance money and employer money because of the benefit to the corporations and insurance companies. We don't know where they have found their money up until now."

He also said that "There has been interest in the gay community in fighting this. Clearly there has to be more interest. Everybody has got to help us fund this thing and write a check and needs to help defeat the thing."

"Up until now, we have only had a plan to raise about \$600,000. Clearly we need to put together an effort as strong as Prop. 64 was, and we will need more money than we have contemplated up until this point."

Proposition 102 is supported

by U.S. Rep. William Dannemeyer (R-CA) of Orange County and Paul Gann, the man who authored Prop. 13 in 1978, ten years ago. Gann is a person with AIDS who contracted the disease through a blood transfusion.

The survey was based on telephone interviews with 809 registered voters and was released in the San Francisco Chronicle.

Van Gorder said, "If the proposition passes, it means any person who has their name on any AIDS test will have their name reported. Anybody who has tested positive in the past will have to have their name reported, and the file will be available for employers and insurance companies. It will also give employers and insurance companies the right to test people, presumably



Dana Van Gorder. (Photo: Rink)

to throw them out of a job or denying them medical insurance.

"It will require everybody to record everybody they ever had sex with, to write it down so they may be tracked and reported. It will allow medical personnel to record the names who simply might be positive for AIDS, presumably so they might be tested for AIDS."

He further noted, "The impact to AIDS organizations will clearly be horrendous. It will close anonymous testing sites. It will close down AIDS education efforts, because anyone who seeks out AIDS information will be suspected of being HIV-positive. It will totally destroy AIDS research efforts. Anyone who is in an AIDS research project will have to have their name reported."

High Flying FLAG

Yes Ronnie, Yes Mommy: There Are Lesbian And Gay 'Feds'. . . And They're Proud, Too!



The Federal Lesbians and Gays in the '88 Parade

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

by Mary Richards

Members of Federal Lesbians and Gays (FLAG) recently marched for the fourth year in the Lesbian and Gay Freedom Day Parade. Their experiences weren't much different this time around, either. They

met at 10 a.m., but didn't hit the Market Street crowds until around 2:30 p.m.

Just as was the case in previous years, FLAG members rarely get to see the rest of the parade, yet it doesn't seem to matter. They're

usually last off, but the community comes first with them, and their enthusiasm never wavers.

A rundown of the community involvement of Federal Lesbians
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Castro Blood Unsafe, Says Blood Bank

Irwin Admits Pressure From Day Forced Move to Masonic

by Allen White

The fourth annual Women's Day Blood Drive is being forced out of the Castro this weekend. The drive will be held Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank at 270 Masonic at Turk. Shuttle buses will take people from the Castro to the Masonic location.

The decision to move donors out of the Castro came in response to criticism leveled at the blood bank by Dr. Lorraine Day, a surgeon at San Francisco General Hospital who said the Castro attracted high-risk donors.

As the controversy has mounted, Irwin Blood Bank staff are now admitting that their blood supply is, in fact, not completely safe. Following meetings with Irwin Memorial executive director Dr. Herbert Perkins, Maurice Belote, president of the Harvey Milk Lesbian/Gay Democratic Club, said, "Dr. Perkins has always been the first to say that the blood supply is inherently not safe. Any time you are dealing with the human blood, there is always great risk, and when a physician is faced with giving a person blood, that physician always considers the risks and the benefits."

Irwin director of operations Vince Yalon said, "Even the slightest suggestion that the blood bank might be compromising the safety of community blood supplies is enough to warrant a change in perspective. In this case, it meant changing the location of the blood drive."

Sylvia Ramirez, an Irwin spokesperson, said, "To appease Dr. Lorraine Day and to try and work this thing out, we decided to move the site of the blood drive out. We didn't think it would make the blood safer, we just thought it would calm her down while we had a chance to get our

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Dr. Levin and his wife, Dr. Byers, are both specialists in the research and treatment of problems of the immune system. They have published numerous medical and scientific documents in the field and both serve as Adjunct Associate Professors of Immunology at the University of California, San Francisco Medical Center.

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Blood

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act together and go back and talk and reason with her."

She was listened to, says Ramirez, "because she is chief of orthopedic surgery at San Francisco General, and she uses the product we collect, and because we just couldn't ignore the suggestion that we might be compromising the blood supply. To have a physician with her credentials out there telling people that blood is unsafe and that we are collecting from unsafe donors in an area that is perceived as the highest HIV-positive district in the city, that is going to carry a lot of weight. What Dr. Day is saying is that we are holding it in an area where people could walk in off the street, people who might be at risk for AIDS, it might be an invitation for people who are at high risk for AIDS to donate."

Ramirez justified the change in location, saying, "You know, sometimes we do things that have no scientific basis. We are responding to a person who has kind of an irrational fear, and we are responding to them. Sometimes you have to do things that don't make a whole lot of scientific sense."

Concerning the blood supply from Irwin, she added, "There is no 100-percent testing for AIDS or hepatitis or anything. We can say that we have tested it to the fullest of our ability. I don't think anyone knows the answer to that question. We have had two cases [of people getting AIDS] in the United States. That is not to say that we will never find out. People who have been transfused don't get AIDS right away. It may take several years."

'POLITICAL, NOT MEDICAL'

Lenore Chinn, the coordinator of the blood drive for the Milk Club, said, "I have done this since 1985. They have flatly stated that the Castro is no more or less safe than anywhere else in the city. Because we are more educated on issues related to AIDS, and the kinds of drives we have been having, it is conceivable the location is more safe."

Chinn continued, "The reason is political, rather than medical. They feared a media retaliation by Day, because she apparently threatened to bring this subject up over and over again until she gets her way."

The controversy has devastated this year's blood drive. Chinn said, "My initial reaction is really to blame Day for this, because, thanks to her, it just set a series of events in motion which we are not able to turn around in time. There has been so much confusion as to if we were even having a blood drive that we are not getting the calls we should. I am angry because we are not going to fulfill the number of credits that we would like to see to maintain the services we have."

Belote added that "The issue is too important, and the service we provide the community is too important. Each week we receive letters from grateful people who saved hundreds of dollars on their medical bills by getting blood credits from us. We supply a service to people with AIDS by the blood credit system, and we provide a system for the blood supply system by attracting new donors."

Belote labeled Irwin's actions as "absurd." He said, "It is impossible to start differentiating between the Castro and other neighborhoods."

He continued, "So, besides not basing their decision on any



Boarding the bus from the Castro to Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

(Photo: Rink)

medical proof, they're stuck with a policy they could simply not enforce, and they are going to waste time enforcing some ridiculous policy, instead of attracting new donors and old donors to giving blood and keeping the blood supply safe."

Dr. David Werdegard, the San Francisco director of public

health, has come to the support of the Milk Club Women's Day Blood Drive. He said, "I commend the Arm in Arm Blood Drive and the effort of the Harvey Milk Club. Lesbians have been shown to be an exceedingly safe source for blood. When they participate in this kind of effort, they provide a valuable community service."

Belote said the Milk Club is planning several efforts to force Irwin to change its policies. "If, in the end, their decision goes against having blood drives in the Castro, they are going to be hit by two sides, it seems to me."

"On one side is the medical community, which is going to review whatever policy they draft — and it's very apparent the thing is just a joke, because it is impossible to define a neighborhood such as the Castro, and it's impossible to eliminate certain donors within a neighborhood."

"On the other side, they are going to hear from us, because we are sure to file an official complaint with the Human Rights Commission, and they will investigate whether there is some kind of discrimination. It seems the only ones they are going to please are the far-right extremists that, I guess, are encouraging Lorraine Day to do what she is doing. We would want to talk to people who have represented us in the past, like National Gay Rights Advocates, that finished representing us in a case against the Post Office," Belote said.

Chinn is angry because of the need to secure credits of blood for people with AIDS. "Ultimately it hurts them as much as it hurts us, because there is a shortage of blood donors; and unless a miracle happens, there will be

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—**Sylvia Ramirez,
Irwin Memorial
Blood Bank**

a shortage in our donors this year."

Members of the Milk Club emphasized that a blood drive is still going on. They need blood this Saturday. Chinn said that only women are eligible to donate blood. She said there is a desperate need for blood. The need is so critical for people who have AIDS that she is hoping people will look beyond the controversy and go to the blood bank location at 250 Mason on Saturday to give blood.

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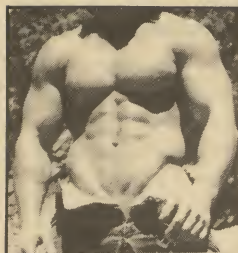
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S.F. General Starts Trials On New AIDS Treatment

Drug rCD4 Could Be a 'New Direction in Therapy'

by Dennis McMillan

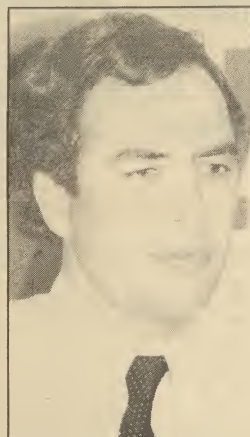
San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center has announced the beginning of clinical trials of a new potential AIDS drug known as "rCD4." It would introduce a novel approach to the treatment of AIDS, intended to slow the cellular spread of HIV and inhibit infection of healthy cells that have been recently exposed to the virus.

The combination of letters and numbers, sounding like a character from the *Star Wars* movie, stands for the recombinant (or genetic recombination) soluble CD4 protein that is normally found on the surface of the T4 helper cells, those most vulnerable to attack by HIV.

Phase I of the trials will take approximately six months, to be administered to approximately 50 AIDS patients and symptomatic ARC patients with low T cell counts. The studies are being carried on simultaneously at S.F. General, Harvard-affiliated New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston, and the National Cancer Institute (NCI) in Bethesda, MD. If the first phase is successful, phase II will then take over for up to three years.

Thus far the Genentech-developed protein has been tested on laboratory animals to establish a safe dosage range for human use. Side effects are unknown, but the substance is said to be nontoxic.

The drug is not a vaccine in the ordinary sense of the word, that being the stimulating of the body to produce antibodies to a virus. There is, however, the possibility of using rCD4 to prevent infection immediately following exposure to the virus.



Dr. Paul Volberding.

(Photo: Rink)

In S.F. General and Deaconess, the patients will be given intravenous injections daily for the first week, followed by three shots a week for 12 weeks. In NCI, the patients will be continuously fed rCD4 by drip IV. In all cases there will be close monitoring.

Patients taking AZT will not be allowed in the study. AZT works by interrupting viral replication inside the cell, whereas rCD4 acts

like a decoy, blocking the virus from entering the cell and tricking the HIV into attacking it instead of white blood cells.

Dr. Paul Volberding, director of S.F. General's AIDS clinic, has been working with Genentech for six months prior to the upcoming six-month trial. Volberding said rCD4 isn't a breakthrough. "But there is excitement because it represents a new direction in therapy."

He does not anticipate a need of any more volunteers at this time.

A study by Genentech and Harvard researchers was published in the December 18, 1987 issue of *Science Magazine*, reporting that the protein prevented more than 99 percent of cells from being infected in the laboratory samples, neutralizing HIV activity.

The media offices of S.F. General are hoping to see results within the first few months of testing.

There are several unknowns surrounding rCD4, including if and when it will be approved by the Federal Drug Administration, what the cost will be, when will it be available for marketing, and how efficacious (or dangerous) it will prove to be in humans. ●

Chicago Cares!

Windy City's Work With Names Project Draws Praise

by Allen White

The pride of personal ownership of the Names Project quilt was certainly evident in Chicago. Omission of the city in a recent B.A.R. story signaled letters from the midwestern city, and an investigation shows the city was one of the most successful display sites in the country.

As with all cities where the quilt visited, a host group was organized. In many of the cities, this quickly became one of the most vibrant AIDS organizations in their area. Across the country, they started workshops where people could visit and make panels.

As the quilt visited each city, new panels were displayed with the touring display. The many panels were then sent on to San Francisco for inclusion in the upcoming display in Washington, D.C.

In Chicago, the local people created 315 new panels. They were added to several thousand which were displayed July 9, 10, and 11 at the city's Navy Pier.

The display in Chicago was presented differently than in almost any other city in the country. Tour manager Jack Caster said, "It was almost like two displays. It was a long narrow pier. It was like a long tunnel with the panels hung on each side. The panels were laid at angles in diamond shapes. It was a zigzag pattern."

Names Project spokesperson Danny Sauro said, "The display was so large that upon entering you could not see the end of the display."

Chicago was viewed as one of the most successful of the more

than 20 on the national tour. Sauro said that over 25,000 people saw the quilt during its three days in the city.

Equally as impressive was the \$52,000 which was generated for direct care to people with AIDS in the Chicago area. Sauro said there was a direct mail appeal and several supermarkets tied in with the visit of the Name Project quilt donating a percentage of their gross to AIDS organizations attendance. "They were the second best money-raiser. Boston was first," Caster said.

People working with the Names Project were most impressed with the number of volunteers who worked on the July presentation. There were over 1,300, one of the largest numbers in the country. Jack Caster commented, "The organization was incredible. I was really pleased." He also observed, "They were also very successful at bringing in minority communities."

Caster said the volunteers averted what could have been a

major tragedy for the quilt. He said that during the display at the Navy Pier, it started to rain. "The place leaked like a sieve," he said.

"There was a tremendous response from the volunteers helping us protect the quilt. The volunteers were fantastic in what could potentially have been a disastrous situation." He said they quickly moved to fold up several panels and put plastic over areas for protection. ●

Join the Movement Against Prop. 102

The campaign to defeat the Dannemeyer AIDS Reporting Initiative is in full swing and has opened its office at 10 United Nations Plaza, Suite 410, in San Francisco. Anyone interested in volunteering, or in having a house party for friends to raise money for the campaign, should call 621-4450. ●

Names Project Benefit Cancelled After Only 100 Tickets Are Sold

by Allen White

Partygoers arriving at the Giftcenter last Saturday night for the planned "Care to Dance" event were greeted with a hastily-drawn sign stating the event was cancelled. Friday afternoon the event was cancelled with only about 100 tickets sold.

"Care to Dance" was to have been a spectacular dance party to benefit the Names Project. It was presented to the public as an event in the ten-year San Francisco tradition for which the city is unique. There would have been five hours of dancing, with entertainment designed to fit the dance party format.

Produced by a group called Designing Men, they hoped to raise over \$30,000 at the benefit. To raise this type of money, they had priced the tickets from \$25 in advance up to a hefty \$100, which included admittance to an advertised "celebrity cocktail party."

The party was a dud, though not unexpected by those in the area who regularly present these types of mega-parties in San Francisco. "The main reason for cancellation of the show was lack of ticket sales," said co-producer Jeff Hocker.

In what could be an understatement, Hocker said, "Ticket prices were a little high." In fact, it was one of the highest-priced dance parties at the Giftcenter in recent years. Hocker said that only about 100 tickets were actually sold.

The failure of the show is a dramatic example of the high risk involved in presenting these types of events. Costs can easily skyrocket into the tens of thousands of dollars. High production costs have resulted in cutbacks in the number of mega-parties being presented in the city.

Sanford Kellman, the I-Beam's owner, has pulled back from presenting as many as five or six events a year, to just two in 1988. In 1987 there was no gay day tea dance at the big venues.

This year the AIDS Emergency Fund utilized several creative fundraising concepts to present the party which saw hundreds of people fill the Giftcenter after the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration. Ticket prices were half what was being charged last Saturday night.

Kellman is still expected to hold on to the spectacular and successful Halloween and New Year's Eve events. As successful

Victim Alert

Community United Against Violence has received several reports from victims and witnesses of robbery/assaults near Collingwood Park. Most of the attacks occur from midnight through 3 a.m.

Victims are attacked from behind and wallets are taken during the course of the attack. Other reports indicate that the attacker will first ask for money or cigarettes and then proceed to attack the victim.

If you are near Collingwood Park use caution, carry a whistle, and report any incidents to the police and/or CUAV. Contact Randy Schell at 864-3112. •

as they are, Kellman constantly has expressed concern over the high cost of presenting these events.

This week, those planning to attend last Saturday night's party were heading for their telephones, looking to get their money back. "Refunds are being given by us, Designing Men Productions," said Hocker. He said the tickets were all sold at Headlines. When calling the store, ticket holders are given the Designing Men office number, 641-5653. Hocker stated that a refund will then be quickly given.

Though the event cancelled, the production company has quickly gotten the word out that it wants to honor its debts. "I just want everybody to know we are going to pay all of our debts," Jeff Hocker stated.



This was *not* the scene at the Giftcenter.

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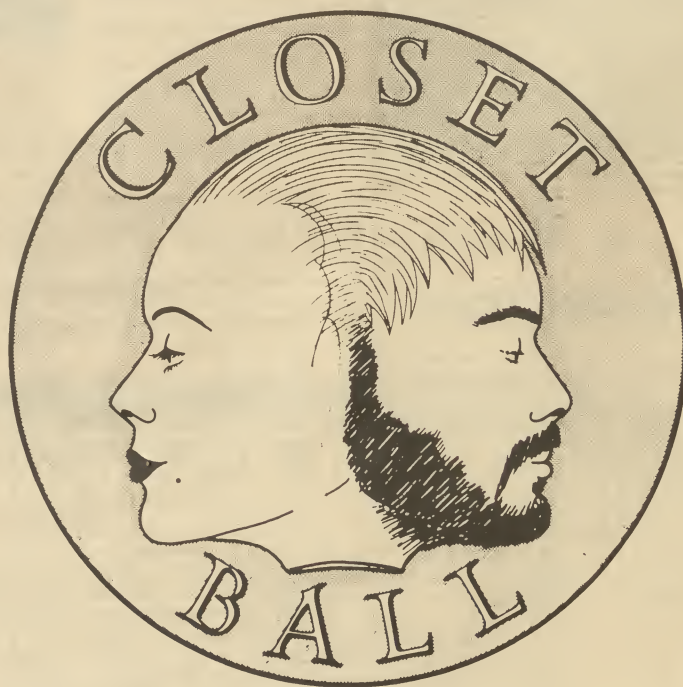
For the Names Project, cancellation of the event means projected donations will not be seen. "We were shooting for a \$30,000 donation to the Names Project, which was feasible if we had sold 2,000 tickets," Hocker said.

Names Project spokesperson Danny Sauro said, "We were terribly disappointed. It seemed very promising, a fundraiser as well as a fun evening."

Hocker believes one reason for their failure was the large num-

ber of charity events presented each week in the gay community: "The Names Project alone has four benefits this month." Undaunted, Hocker said, "We are considering rescheduling it in September at the Galleria." •

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Fighting for Survival

The Dannemeyer Initiative, Prop. 102

Once again, California voters are being asked to vote on a proposition to take away basic human rights and needs, and, as of this moment, it looks like they might do just that. The latest California Poll conducted by Mervyn Field shows that Prop. 102 would pass by a 72 percent majority. In the simplified language of the field survey, most persons polled thought that all persons who tested positive or had the HIV virus should be reported to public health officials.

What most people don't understand is that this is already the case. The big difference would be that the anonymity of those tested would become public information. This information would then be distributed through the insurance industry, large corporations, and others who would be disinclined to hire persons who tested positive or had the HIV virus.

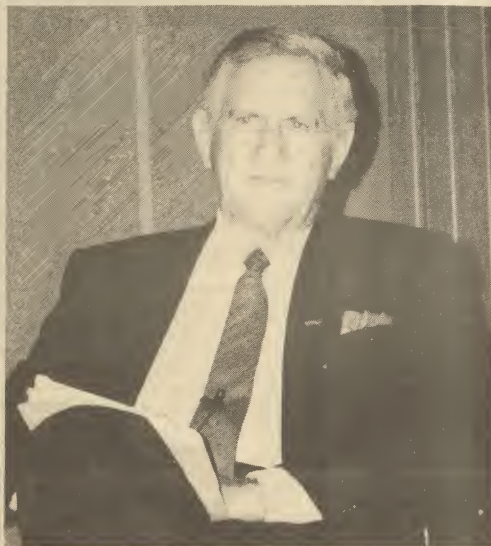
But the real problem of this initiative is that it would dry up state-approved funding of AIDS assistance programs. It would divert funding from essential treatment and educational programs that have a proven track record of slowing the spread of AIDS.

It would also disrupt all major research projects in the treatment and prevention measures for AIDS.

This insidious initiative comes at a time when the community's resources and energies are at an all-time low. It comes when we have just begun to breathe free again after the second LaRouche attempt. It comes when the ultra-conservative Moral Majority right is flexing its muscles and its strength in California, and, unlike the LaRouche initiatives, this one will be well-financed and hyped with all that unlimited funds can do.

A bright spot in an otherwise gloomy picture is that the California Medical Association is opposing it. Its president, Dr. Laurens P. White, is quoted as saying, "This initiative is *bad medicine and bad public health*."

We must all do as much as we can to turn the public opinion around and stop this latest attack on our community. We must show the Robertsons, Falwells, and Dannemeyers that we will oppose them at all times when they attack our community or any other group of persons or groups that do not espouse their sick and bigoted opinions. This initiative is just the latest battle in a war that seems to have no end. We must realize that these people stay in power by feeding hysteria, false facts, and hate into a group of narrow-minded people who don't have the wherewithal to think for themselves.



Rep. William Dannemeyer.

(Photo: Rink)

The saddest thing is that all this hatred is passed off in the name of one of the most understanding and compassionate of all men to have walked upon this planet, the prophet Jesus.

Money is important, but equally important are your talents and your time. Volunteers are needed to man phones, type and mail letters, hand out pamphlets, and in other ways to disseminate information. Help is also needed to walk precincts throughout the state to inform the mass of the voters about the evils of this initiative. Remember, our biggest enemy is apathy. The "moral" right is counting on that. Let's get out and show them that we do care and that we will fight.

To help, call Californians Against Prop. 102 at 621-4450 or send a check to them at 10 United Nations Plaza #400, San Francisco, CA 94102.

OPINION

Don't Be Lulled Into False Security

by David Reid

No on 64. No on 69. No, no, not again. In four short months, California voters will be asked to choose a president, a United States senator, and vote on two statewide initiatives on AIDS.

We must not allow ourselves to be lulled into the false security induced by our victories of defeating Props. 64 and 69. Almost unnoticed, we lost our first offensive last month. Twice. First, failing to qualify an initiative for this fall's ballot, and then for one in 1990. That's scary. And it sends a clear message to our opponents. We, as a community, were unable to qualify a truly inspired initiative for a vote. The CARE proposal would have done like it says, by providing funds for AIDS research and education. We failed to do what Lyndon LaRouche did. Twice. That's scarier.

From our victories in the past, we can defeat the ill-conceived initiatives of November.

We have much work to do.

Proposition 69 was cake; it will never be that easy again. But, then, what about 64? The defeat of Prop. 64 was seemingly everything our community could do. And this time that will not be enough.

This next campaign must make itself accountable. There must be periodic public, published reports. Detailed reports of where the money is going. It is not a difficult thing to do. This time, let us know how much money is going where and into whose pockets and under what pretense. This accounting is a necessity before volunteers will again blindly follow another crusade.

We need to welcome all comers with open arms, instead of the cliquish attitudes of most political proceedings. This campaign must become "the" thing to do this fall. For everyone.

The worst is yet to come.

This time, there will be two fronts to fight: the Dannemeyer/Gann proposition and the Block proposal (D/G & B). The proponents will wage independent campaigns for passage in the same way we will need to combat it. In reality, two against one may be unfair, but it is reality.

This time it isn't wild-eyed Lyndon LaRouche. This time it's United States Congressman William Dannemeyer, a solidly based Republican in the heart of Orange County. After his first victory in 1978, his seat is safe. And his partner in crime on this proposal is populist Paul Gann. For folks who don't know or remember, he was a leader in the massive tax-overhaul measure, Prop. 13, championed by the late Howard Jarvis. You may not remember Paul Gann, but the voters will. And on top of that, the man has AIDS. Many will support the measure for that reason alone—the "he must know something" mentality—and, unfortunately, many will support this wolf-in-sheep's-clothing legislation for that very reason.

And in this corner we have the boss of the largest sheriff's department in the state of California, L.A.'s Sheriff Sherman Block. Block's proposal will be widely welcomed. After all, it deals with prisoners and criminal-types. Not you and me. Remind yourself of that when an over-zealous deputy sheriff (the contracted law-enforcement agency for the city of West Hollywood) hauls you in on a contrived charge of endangering the public or some similar misnomer. Remind yourself when they take a sampling of your blood for testing. That could happen under Block's proposition.

D/G & B will not be shunned like LaRouche. They are already receiving widespread attention in the media. These are credible, elected officials.

If you don't understand why that's a big deal, tell ten people you've been exposed to AIDS and watch what happens.

We must stand united as rational, reasonable people. We must each make a commitment to defeat these propositions. Two hours to 20 hours a week. Whatever you can muster.

You cannot afford not to (a double negative, just like the D/G & B proposals). Mark Nov. 8, election day, on your calendar. It should be a firecracker of a day.

Think Again

★ If there is any gay man or lesbian who does not think that the objections to Michael Dukakis are incredibly petty, may I suggest that he or she take a long hard look at the obituary page of this newspaper, and then think again?

Leonard Whitney
San Francisco

Eligibility Workers Care!

★ We are writing in response to a letter written by Michael E. Mallett, entitled "Ward 86 Cuts."

Mr. Mallett states that a new policy of having "the eligibility of all Ward 86 patients 'reviewed' by non-medical, low-level clerical help" will decrease the patient population of poor people at San Francisco General Hospital. He goes on to assert that, should a patient lose his/her plastic ID card, care would be disallowed.

Mr. Mallett states that the new staff is incompetent and the new system is shabby and insulting.

To set the record straight, no patient is ever denied care at San Francisco General Hospital for any reason. Should a patient lose his/her plastic card, a replacement is issued, as many times as needed.

The "low-level clerical staff" are qualified eligibility workers, hired as part of a new outpatient eligibility registration unit assigned throughout the hospital. Eligibility workers register and screen patients for a variety of programs, assisting patients with Medi-Cal applications, insurance questions and problems, and making referrals for financial assistance. Both patients and the hospital benefit from this process, because many patients are unaware of programs available to help defray the costs of their care.

The costly programs offered on Ward 86 and throughout the hospital cannot continue without maximizing all available payment sources. In deference to Mr. Mallett's remarks, I have received praise and thanks from many Ward 86 patients who have been assisted by the eligibility staff, particularly the hospital eligibility worker who has been on that service for over a year.

Mr. Mallett did not contact San Francisco General Hospital administration to address his concerns. He may contact me directly if he needs to discuss this further.

Sharon Kennison
Assistant Administrator, Patient Finance
San Francisco General Hospital

Blood Donor Locator Service?

★ On Aug. 4, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 4333, the Miscellaneous Revenue Act of 1988, by a vote of 380 to 25. While the bill covered largely technical or minor revisions to the Social Security Act, it also included a provision which has dangerous connotations.

H.R. 4333 would authorize blood donor facilities to require donors to furnish Social Security numbers and require the Social Security Administration to establish a Blood Donor Locator Service that would furnish information about donors infected with the AIDS virus to certain blood facilities and states.

This smacks of Big Brother and the McCarthy era. Can plans for quarantine be far behind?

I suggest we all write our senators to urge that the bill not be approved with the blood donor provision. I think we should also make an effort to find out which members of the House voted for passage of this bill.

We put a lot of effort into fighting dangerous AIDS-specific legislation (e.g., LaRouche, Danne-meyer). However, it seems that equally dangerous legislation is being slipped virtually unnoticed into otherwise innocuous bills. Let's not let "them" get away with it!

J. Janet Allen
Albany, CA

Let's Get Some Answers Now!

★ Like most other gay men, I hope for the best with regard to plans now being developed by nuns of Mother Teresa's order to open an AIDS hospice here in San Francisco. There should, however, be some recognition in a public way, on their part, of the need for a principle of accounting for what they are doing —by initiating an ongoing mechanism for input by not just individual gay men and lesbians, but by the gay community as a whole. This should, at a minimum, take the form of public meetings or forums that, from now until the projected hospice is opened, present plans the sisters have and attempt to get feedback from the community on them.

Objections will, I think, be likely to be raised, especially in the area of questions about plans the sisters have for safeguarding AIDS men and women

from prejudicial or bigoted behavior on the part of the nuns or others due to the endorsement they make of Catholic "doctrinal" homophobia. The effects of that still "official" homophobia, to judge from newspaper reports, are not to be underrated. If a Roman Catholic organization has plans to deal with PWAs as patients in a hospice, it can't—*shouldn't*—be taken for granted that things will be just "okay" on this front.

Rumors have been circulated, for instance, of dying PWAs being harassed about "giving up their homosexuality" and "converting." That clearly would make the opening of a hospice a complete impossibility, if true. Let's hope it isn't. Let's hope the sisters can provide us with some reassurance on this score.

Mother Teresa's recent letter of support for a growing movement to initiate a boycott of *The Last Temptation of Christ* on grounds of blasphemy hardly reassures me. Since the blasphemy in question is supposed to be the depiction of Christ in a sexual situation, you can't help but wonder how tolerant Mother Teresa is going to be when it comes to "a bunch of faggots dying of AIDS." That's not a pretty thought. I think it's time for the gay community to begin to, in some organized way, ask these nuns some pointed questions. And soon. There's too much at stake not to! I don't want these very sick or dying PWAs to be the object of anything but our solicitous love and care. I certainly don't want them to be subject to—of all things!—affronts or indignities!

Can't we, as a gay community, do something about this situation? Can't we, while this project is still in the planning stages, develop pressure for the nuns to come out and, in community forums and other meetings with the gay community, answer our questions? What guarantees do they have that the situation won't include the homophobia possibilities we fear? Let's get some answers now!

Bruce Boone
San Francisco

'This Is Crown Books'

★ The first Sunday of this month, I was shopping for a book at Crown Books on Castro Street. I noticed that they were carrying Tom Clancy's new book, *Cardinal of the Kremlin*. Newsweek magazine had just done an article on this man and stated that he was an avowed homophobe who had purposely made the villains in his new book gay.

I told the young male clerk about the article and suggested that maybe carrying this creep's book in a gay neighborhood was less than sensitive. The clerk answered, "So what—this is Crown Books."

My book and magazine money, which is considerable, will no longer be spent at Crown, and I urge others to take their business elsewhere, also. I assume the clerk was gay, and I think his attitude was pitiful.

Dan Carlisle
San Francisco

Closed-Captioning at the Bear

★ On behalf of the Rainbow Deaf Society and many other members of the hearing-impaired community, I would like to thank and commend the Bear on Castro for their installation of closed-captioning on their TV system and big screen.

Not only does this device enable the deaf to enjoy visual programs throughout the day, but allows their hearing clientele to have the advantage of listening to their great music and watch the screens at the same time.

We appreciate the Bear's concern in satisfying all its customers in the gay community, particularly their effort in bridging the communication gap between the hearing and nonhearing.

Jay D. Wilson
San Francisco

Dr. Day Ethically Unfit

★ The idea that blood collected mainly from lesbians could become contaminated with HIV simply because it is collected near where gay men cruise is a crock of shit, and Lorraine Day knows that.

Dr. Day's peculiar insistence on an "appearance" of purity is ridiculous. It is a physician's job to bring about a state of health and well-being, not to demand it in advance from those she is paid to serve.

Dr. Day wonders aloud if she should continue to practice medicine. I think the answer is obvious. Since she clearly seems prepared to renounce a portion of her Hippocratic oath, she is ethically unfit to practice medicine, whether she wants to or not.

Calls for her censure are totally appropriate.

Peter Almanetti
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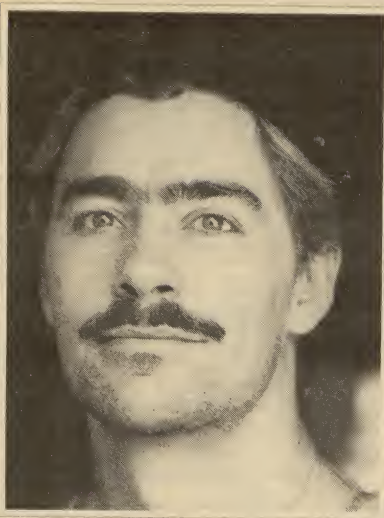
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Secrecy Is The Thing

★ I was appalled to read Mr. Tolson's letter in the Aug. 4 B.A.R. As a member of a 12-step program, I have a few comments on it.

First of all, if anyone in a 12-step gathering related this information to Mr. Tolson, they have broken with one of the basic program concepts, namely privacy. That is their mistake. Tolson's was to announce this publicly. It is in bad taste, and makes public an organization that is founded on anonymity. I certainly hope no one ever repeats a story Mr. Tolson has told in secrecy, because he would not appreciate hearing about it in the media.

Second, nothing which takes place under the aegis of a 12-step program is public, including anything having to do with Living Sober.

Third, how dare Mr. Tolson presume to tell people how to make amends. The 12-step recovery is about assessing for ourselves where our responsibility lies, and we strive to overcome the influences of people like yourself, who attempt to dictate personal ethics. As a therapist, I would hope Tolson was above such vindictiveness, judgements, moralizing, etc. His letter to the B.A.R. is damning to his career as a therapist, at least among the 12-step community, as whatever tacky comment someone may have made, or as damaging as ripped-down posters.

Marjorie S.
Oakland

The Mayor Responds

The following letter was sent to Dr. Herbert Perkins, executive director of the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank.

★ I would like you to know that I fully support your decision that Irwin Memorial Blood Bank should conduct blood drives in all areas of the city, including in the Castro, using the full array of safeguards which have been developed.

When I served in the California State Assembly, I was impressed with your professionalism and dedication to those in need of safe blood transfusions. I welcomed and appreciated your assistance and support for my legislation, which put into place the first requirement for testing blood for HIV antibodies. As you know, we drafted that legislation to provide state-of-the-art public health guidelines to protect all the public.

I have discussed the concerns raised about the current blood drives in the Castro with Dr. Don Francis, who is serving as a special consultant to me on AIDS. He concurs that the public health is well protected with the safeguards that have been in place.

In view of the objections raised, it is important to note that the first line of public health defense has been the extremely strong level of cooperation from the lesbian and gay community that no one possibly infected should donate blood.

In addition to this very successful self-deferral program, the blood supply is further safeguarded by an intensive interview at the time of donation, when an option to discretely withdraw or earmark a donation for research rather than human use is provided.

A battery of tests also is applied to blood donations, including tests with the most sensitive assay test available for HIV and additional tests for markers to the hepatitis B virus, which often appears in those with HIV infection.

The level of volunteerism from the lesbian and gay community to combat the HIV epidemic has saved lives in our city. Indeed, they have carried much of the burden for educating the rest of the city about risk and safeguards.

In view of that record, I am dismayed by proposals that imply that groups which have performed such a public service are unreliable in serving the larger public health needs.

In the past, Irwin Memorial Blood Bank has performed its important role in our community with dignity and professionalism. I know you will want to continue to place your focus on genuine public health concerns, and to add your voice to those supporting a public health rather than a political or public relations response to the epidemic.

If there is any assistance which you believe that I, as mayor, might provide to your organization in meeting its public health goal, please call on me.

Art Agnos
Mayor, San Francisco

Abuse By Negligence

★ The Names Project benefit at the GiftCenter scheduled for Aug. 13, tickets for which sold at \$25, was cancelled without notice.

The real damage done by this is not the hundreds of ruined evenings, nor the hundreds of tedious refund requests now required of would-be patrons, nor even the hundreds of wasted round-trip taxi fares. The real damage is that all future entertainment-

based benefits will now be hampered by an additional layer of suspicion and mistrust, and thus only the most heavily publicized events—those giving the greatest implied assurance that they will really even happen—will be attended by numbers sufficient to make any money for the causes they aim to help.

According to telephone communications the night of the event, the cancellation apparently went into effect 33 hours before the event was to begin. Yet no advance notification was ever provided to ticket purchasers, or even to the Names Project. (Posters advertising the event were still in store windows two days after the cancellation.)

The GiftCenter has never really been a pleasant place to dance anyway: It has a too-hard floor, bad ventilation, overpriced drinks, long lines, rude bartenders, and a generally exploitative attitude. Most of the people who bought tickets to the benefit probably knew all that, but we went anyway—only to be turned away by a cardboard sign.

It is already obvious that getting my \$25 back is going to be a long and obnoxious process, and that many people are going to write it off as too difficult. That means a lot of people are going to lose \$25, and probably none of those lost monies will end up at the Names Project. This abuse-by-negligence is the worst kind of profiteering, and those responsible should be exposed and censured.

Randy Wellington
San Francisco

Insurance and HIV

★ California currently prohibits the use of HIV antibody test results in making health insurance eligibility decisions. This landmark legislation, authored by then Assemblyman Art Agnos, has prevented private insurers from dropping certain "high-risk" individuals and has helped ensure that private insurers bear some of the burden in paying for the health care costs of persons with HIV infection.

The insurance industry wants to abandon the Agnos protections. They believe that HIV infection should not be treated any differently from other diseases and that they should be able to use HIV antibody test results in making health insurance eligibility decisions. Assemblyman Patrick Johnston has authored a bill, AB 2900, which gives the insurance industry what they want.

The State Senate Health Committee did not agree that the confidentiality protections should be dropped and recently sent AB 2900 to interim study, which means the bill is dead for this legislative session. This is an important victory for rational AIDS policy. If insurers have access to HIV antibody test results, there is no guarantee that they would not dump infected individuals, thereby overburdening the state medical system and potentially denying individuals their right to affordable health care.

I believe that all people with HIV infection should have access to affordable health care, and that the cost of this health care should be shared by both private insurers and the state. Legislation such as AB 2900 does not meet this standard. Rather, it raises the possibility of mass denials of insurance coverage. This is unacceptable, and I will continue to do all I can to oppose measures such as AB 2900 and Proposition 102 (the Dannemeyer initiative) which forget that the primary focus of AIDS policy is treatment and education, not passing the buck or creating hysteria.

Sen. Milton Marks
San Francisco

Let Them Play Solitaire

★ How many martyrs will it take to change present politics of drug companies' patent holdings? I suppose it will down to who can afford treatment and who cannot. This is capitalistic America. What will a cure cost me?

I hate like hell to go out like this. Each day my energy dims. When I realize medicines exist to abate this illness, I cringe in agony because I cannot afford them, cannot attain them. Slow suffocation, but there's enough strength in this papermate to strike my lowest vengeful blow.

My manuscripts took hours to burn. Nine years of musical striving, critiqued as unpublished genius, given reverently to the burn barrel.

The writers' strike is nothing compared to the void gays could create if we closed our spiritual lips. What a fumbling, hopeless mess the absence of our romantic power would create.

This inflammatory letter is meant to reach our artists' fullest attention. Gay writers must react—we hold the very world in our palms. No cure...no dreams. Let the heteros eat solitaire.

D.F. Watson
Chico

Time Will Tell

★ Regarding the flood of negative publicity about U.S. Sen. Pete Wilson appearing in the Bay Area Reporter, including T.J. Anthony's latest try at satire in the Aug. 11 issue, a couple of observations.

T.J. Anthony's political activities have shifted, over the months, from successfully organizing local opposition to the Bork nomination (CRIR and I supported Anthony in that effort) to conducting a personal vendetta against Pete Wilson.

Leo McCarthy, Wilson's opponent this fall—the same Leo McCarthy who fired Steve Krefting from his staff for publicly supporting Harry Britt's campaign for Congress, doesn't have to make any commitment to our community as long as Anthony engages in his negative campaign against Wilson. Without such a commitment, what can we expect from McCarthy, should he become elected?

Regarding the D.C. civil rights vote, in which religious institutions were exempted from the gay rights ordinance (and I have discussed with Wilson's staff my disagreement with his vote), it should be pointed out, in all fairness, that A.B. 1—Art Agnos' perennial gay rights bill—also had an exemption for religious schools and day-care facilities. Furthermore, Agnos' bill didn't include protections against discrimination in housing or public and private accommodations and services. Did any gay Democrat ever question Agnos on that fact? Certainly not, T.J. Anthony!

Finally, Anthony blasts Wilson for arguing that the AIDS provisions in the new Federal Fair Housing Act provide coverage for all gay men (whether infected or not), yet that is exactly the point Art Agnos used to sell his A.B. 3667 two years ago. A.B. 3667 attempted to place into state law rulings of the federal court that stated that individuals infected or diagnosed with a contagious disease were in fact disabled, as defined under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and that they were to be protected from discrimination in employment, and that individuals perceived to be infected with a contagious disease—e.g., members of a high-risk group (gay males)—were likewise covered under the federal definition of "disabled." Did Mr. Anthony ever question or protest Art Agnos' interpretation of that law?

Hopefully, with my letter, the dialogue of the senatorial campaign this fall will look at the entire record of each candidate in the proper context, by extolling positions and votes on substantive issues with which we are in agreement and criticizing those with which we are not in agreement, and not by dwelling on a few negative votes on symbolic or moot points. Time will tell—right, Mr. Anthony?

Christopher L. Bowman
San Francisco

Sour Grapes to Old Wine

★ While the juxtaposition of letters between mine and Martin P. Routhier's brought a chuckle, nonetheless Routhier's letter far more dramatically demonstrated the point than Hippler or I alone could have. I do not know what was in Mike Hippler's mind at the time he wrote his article, but I suspect that Routhier, far from refuting Hippler's claims, merely underscored them; certainly he did mine.

Where Hippler—and I—are talking about facets of life and survival beyond partying, Routhier cannot seem to stop doing his hair long enough to hear what Hippler was saying. Where Hippler was talking about the larger society, Routhier could not see beyond another night at The Box. And as for leaving "the fruit on the vine," I want to know just how wrinkled it has to be before it's "ready?"

I am 47 years old, and comfortable with that—especially in an age when so many will never make 40. As an independent consultant, I have not, for the past 13 years, been subject to employment discrimination laws. And, as a PWA, I am not looking for a job.

On the other hand, there are Routhier and the younger generation (Who are these people?) partying at The Box; a younger generation who is not as likely to be "established," who is more in need of a job than I, and who is in a more direct line to lose it all than I. Just coming onto the scene, and into the market, the "young" are not likely to be well connected, or well established, or have the reputation or the wherewithal to be self-employed. In other words, they need jobs.

The Dannemeyer initiative on the November ballot allows insurers to test for HIV, and employers to discriminate against those suspected of being HIV positive. The Dannemeyer initiative also requires doctors to report any person they believe to be HIV positive, so that refusing to take the HIV test is no defense against the belief of HIV infection. And, once "believed" to be infected and reported to the various health agencies, you will be subject to all the various discriminations man can dream up against one another, including having the health agencies tell your employer.

As Routhier sneers at "those who believe they made gaydom possible for us all," he makes it obvious that he, and those for whom he purports to

speak, have never endured the discrimination that can come with being gay. They have not experienced that discrimination because of those who "made gaydom possible for us all." What makes Mr. Routhier's approach to this entire issue—not ignorant, not misinformed, but stupid—is his apparent contention that it all happened long ago in some distant land by persons long since dead. In fact, it all happened within his lifetime by persons who may be dead, but certainly not long ago and in some distant land; and, those who are now dead, died young.

In his letter, Mr. Routhier posited the hypothesis of leaving "the fruit on the vine until it is ready." Yet the difference, Mr. Routhier, and Hippler's concern, Mr. Routhier, is that all "those who made gaydom possible for us all" were no older than "the young" when they made their efforts. Just how long do you think you need to wait; just how old do you think you need to be before you realize that in the midst of your party you'd better look up at what is going on around you? While you're doing your hair, and sweating and jumping and pushing and pumping and "could not care less what the next guy is headtripping about" at The Box, the William Dannemeyers are building another kind of box for you. Hippler is merely trying to warn you; the Dannemeyers are trying to do it.

You would be better off spending less time attacking Hippler and more time fighting Dannemeyer. But then, the "evils of a little narcissism" wouldn't allow you to get away from the mirror long enough to see what Dannemeyer is doing to your make-up lights. Yet, while you defend your right to party, Dannemeyer is attacking your right to live and work. And before you retreat into that well-worn claim that "it couldn't happen here," you should remember that this is a statewide, not a San Francisco initiative. If you think "it couldn't happen here," take a trip to Stockton, or Bakersfield, or any of a number of other communities within this state. You would not be the first to come back with a brand-new realization that it most decidedly could happen here.

Insurance and health care may not be of much concern—it rarely is for "the young"—but the one thing that will step on that party is economic deprivation. The Box cannot be free of charge, and without a job, without the money to do so, there will be no party. All it will take for all that to come into play, Mr. Routhier, is for someone to ding to the fact that you might be gay and therefore infected. And it can all happen without you, while you're partying at The Box. I have a long-time friend who knows first-hand what it is to lose his job because his roommate was arrested on a gay charge, and it happened within your lifetime.

Now, Mr. Routhier, who do you think Dannemeyer will affect more: you or me?

Donald Cameron Scot
San Francisco

Committed


★ On Sept. 13, 1984, a brief description of the San Francisco Men's Health Study (SFMHS) was published in the Bay Area Reporter. In that statement, the position of the investigators and their sponsoring agency regarding confidentiality of records was set forth. Specifically, it was stated that "our contract with the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, National Institutes of Health, specifically forbids releasing participants' names to any outside group—not even to the sponsoring agency. We cannot and will not provide names or other identifying information about our participants to anyone outside our staff."

We, the undersigned principal investigators, unequivocally reaffirm our commitment to the maintenance of the confidentiality of the records and identity of the participants in the San Francisco Men's Health Study.

By their participation in the San Francisco Men's Health Study, more than 1,000 San Francisco men have made important contributions to our knowledge of the modes of transmission of the AIDS virus (HIV), its prevalence in the population and the sharp decline in its spread among homosexual and bisexual men in San Francisco (first observed and reported from the SFMHS), its clinical manifestations and their rate of progression, and its infectivity. These findings have been useful both locally and nationally in the development of strategies for the control of the AIDS epidemic.

Nevertheless, much remains to be learned before this terrible epidemic is brought under complete control. The SFMHS can continue to provide important information to contribute to this objective. This requires the continued maintenance of the confidentiality of the records and identity of the participants. We are absolutely committed to this end.

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Michael Ward D.C.

The Politics of AIDS

The other day, a friend of mine who is a reporter for one of the local TV stations told me that he had been given a chance for a 15-minute interview with **John Dukakis**, the son of the presidential nominee, and asked me for suggestions of topics he should ask the young Dukakis about. I replied, "AIDS."

I suggested, "Get the guy to tell us what his father will do as president about the AIDS crisis." The Democrats have chosen the

Dukakis/Bentsen team, and, tonight in New Orleans, the Republicans will name **George Bush** as their party standard-bearer. As far as I am concerned, the only real issue for us in the presidential election is AIDS. All else is secondary.

When we are being threatened with a disease that could destroy us as a community, suddenly issues such as Central America, abortion, jobs, national defense, and the like become somehow meaningless. A few years ago, we

were in a war in Vietnam that drove a president from office and literally tore the country apart. Never had an issue such as Vietnam polarized the American people. The issue crippled the country for decades to come.

Yet more people have, to date, died from AIDS in America than were lost in the jungles of Vietnam, and we have an administration that clearly doesn't give a damn.

I would like to put those gay and lesbian political activists who will be taking part in the coming presidential election on notice that we want them to make AIDS the issue in this election. When gay and lesbian activists like **Harry Britt**, **Carole Migden**, and the leaders of the Milk and Toklas and Concerned Republicans get the opportunity—and they surely will—to discuss the issues with those in the Bush and Dukakis campaigns, they should forcefully make AIDS the issue.

Over and over, these people should demand of the Bush and Dukakis campaigns that adequate funding—all that is necessary—be promised for AIDS research. For my vote, nothing else at this time really matters.

When I was a kid, polio was the AIDS of the day. If you contracted polio, you either died or were left crippled. The president of the United States, **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, even contracted polio, and the search for a cure was on.

Everyone knew then that the answer was research money. The only way to find a cure is to provide money, all that is needed. When they went after the answer to polio, the government and private corporations poured millions and millions of dollars into the cause. Every university, college, hospital, and research facility that had anything that even resembled a laboratory was provided with funds—all that they needed—and the result, as we know, was that a bright scientist from San Diego, **Jonas Salk**, came up with the answer.

Today there are an average of four or five polio cases annually in the western world. The disease was eradicated because the necessary research money was provided, and I am convinced the same can happen in the AIDS crisis. Money for research is the answer, and I challenge all in our community to make that the criteria of how we vote in November.

Whenever the president of the Toklas and Concerned Republicans gets the opportunity to discuss the campaign, the issue should be AIDS. Whenever **Harry Britt** gets to speak with



Harry Britt.

(Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)

anyone in the Dukakis campaign, the issue should be AIDS. Whenever **Brian Mavrogeorge** or **Chris Bowman** get the ear of Bush operatives, the issue must be AIDS.

If these people don't make AIDS their agenda, then they don't deserve to be our community leaders. Important as they may be, don't talk to me about day care, the environment, housing, minimum wages, or U.S.-Soviet relations. The issue I want to hear about is AIDS!

Like too many of us, I know someone who dies of this deadly disease every week, and I am so damned tired and sick of it that there is no other issue for me that I care about. I firmly believe that if we get this government to provide us with the necessary research monies, a cure to this disease can and will be found.

Neither **Michael Dukakis** nor **George Bush** deserves our vote unless he promises to make such funds available.

It is said that neither presidential candidate pays much attention to the party platform once the convention is over, and let's hope that is the case, because the conservative wing of the Republican Party firmly took control of their platform this week. The result is one of the most dogmatic, right-wing platforms the party ever adopted.

Though **George Bush** has said he personally supports a proposal to embrace the findings of the Reagan-appointed Watkins Commission on AIDS, which called for strong anti-discrimination measures, the conservative-controlled platform committee overruled the proposal. The text adopted by the GOP says only that AIDS patients "deserve our compassion and help" and pledges a "vigorous fight" against the disease.

Democrat **Michael Dukakis**, incidentally, fully backs the Watkins report.

As for Pres. **Ronald Reagan**, it bears repeating that even though he hand-picked the members of the AIDS Commission, the president had neither the courage nor decency to then accept its recommendations.

The death toll in the U.S. is fast approaching 40,000 from this disease, and Reagan does not care. The man is a disgrace.

The California delegation to the GOP convention in New Orleans this week totaled 350 delegates and alternates, 30 percent of whom were women, 30 percent black. After making a few phone calls, Bay Area Reporter was unable to come up with any confirmed gays or lesbians in the California delegation, though we do know of a couple of closet cases among the bunch. (You see,

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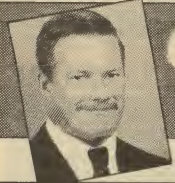
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Second Marine Sentenced for 'Indecent Acts'

A U.S. Marine Corps judge has sentenced Drill Sgt. Cheryl Jameson, 26, of California, to one year in prison and a dishonorable discharge for engaging in "indecent acts" with two other female Marines at the U.S. Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, South Carolina.

Jameson is the second female Marine at Parris Island to be court-martialed on charges related to homosexuality in the last two months. Military Police Cpl. Barbara Baum, 23, of Indiana, was convicted June 9 on charges of sodomy and "indecent acts" with another female. Both Baum and Jameson received the same sentence.

The court-martials of Baum and Jameson are part of an ongoing investigation by the Marine Corps into gay activity among female Marines at Parris Island, the only Marine Corps base used to train female recruits. Six other female Marines at Parris Island have either been given administrative discharges or are awaiting the findings of their own court-martials or preliminary hearings.

Major Bob McLean, a spokesperson for the base,

said Baum and Jameson have already been transferred to a military prison at the U.S. Marine base in Quantico, Virginia. He added that Jameson could have received a maximum sentence of 22 years and Baum could have received a maximum sentence of 33 years.

The investigation into allegations of lesbian activity at the base began last October, according to McLean, and are still under way. Although he said he could not reveal how many more women are under investigation or how many more may be charged, a number of persons monitoring the investigations report that as many as 15 to 30 women may eventually be prosecuted.

A local newspaper in South Carolina reported women saying that they believed the investigations were triggered by a report from the Department of Defense's Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. That report, delivered to U.S. Marine Corps Gen. Anthony Lukeman, reported numerous complaints about lesbians at certain Marine bases.

—The Washington Blade

Special Visa Card Donates to AmFAR

Empire of America Federal Savings Bank, the bank that took over Atlas Savings and Loan when the nation's first gay bank was seized by federal officials several years ago, has launched a special Visa credit card in Los Angeles with a percentage of its proceeds designated for the American Foundation for AIDS Research (AmFAR).

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Empire of America's new card will be test-marketed to a list of pre-approved consumer in Los Angeles before introducing it nationwide.

—Update

Mike Hippler is on vacation. His column will resume upon his return.

Mass. Foster Policy Attached to Budget

In an amendment to the fiscal year 1988-89 Massachusetts state budget, funding for the Department of Social Services is linked to that agency upholding what critics charge is an anti-lesbian and gay foster care policy, first implemented three years ago by Gov. Michael Dukakis.

At an open meeting held recently at Boston City Hall and facilitated by members of MASS ACT OUT and the Gay and Lesbian Defense Committee, members of the gay community decried what they see as continuing bigotry from the governor and his allies and its implications for the upcoming presidential election.

All of those present condemned what some saw as Dukakis' implicit approval of the amendment, and many of those in attendance urged people not to vote for either George Bush or Michael Dukakis.

The fact that the policy is now included in the budget means that it must be enforced for the entire fiscal year. Prior to the budget amendment, the governor could have reversed the policy at any time.

—Bay Windows



Mass. Gov. Michael Dukakis.
(Photo: Scott Martin)

Repeal of Oregon Gay Rights On November Ballot

A ballot measure to repeal the gay rights executive order issued last year by Oregon Gov. Neil Goldschmidt has qualified for the November ballot. The initiative would also outlaw the issuing of other gay rights orders by other members of the executive branch.

The campaign for the initiative is being coordinated by No Special Rights, part of a fundamentalist Christian organization called Oregon's Citizens' Alliance (OCA) that has wrested control of the state's Republican Party from moderates. OCA plans to raise \$600,000 for the campaign, and Oregonians for Fairness, a coalition of groups fighting the initiative, hopes to raise \$400,000.

Although it is the first time that gay rights has come directly before the voters of Oregon, opponents to the ballot measure are optimistic. Portland's daily newspaper reported last year that 58 percent of voters agree with the executive order.

So far, the campaign tactics of OCA indicate that the campaign will be ugly. A copy of an essay originally appearing in the Boston-based Gay Community News is being circulated throughout Southern Oregon. The essay describes a fantasy to "do in" straights, and proponents of the measure say it proves that gays recruit children.

—The Montrose Voice

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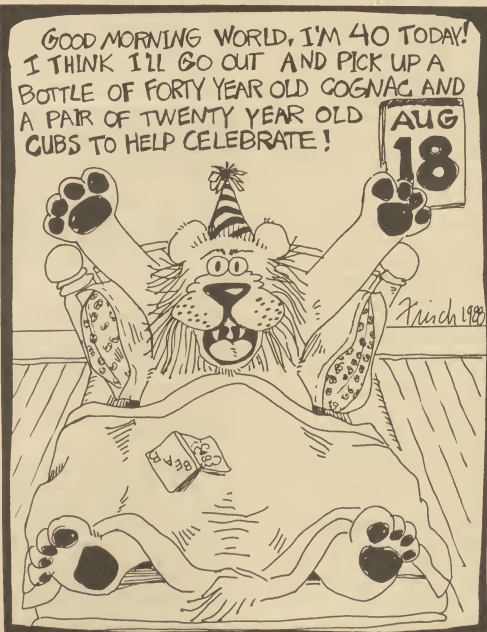
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Appeals Court Backs FCC on Indecency

Judge Says Gov't Lacks Justification For Change in 'Safe Harbor' Time

by Miranda Kolbe

The United States Court of Appeals upheld the Federal Communications Commission's definition of indecency on Aug. 1 against a challenge by a coalition of 17 broadcasting and free-speech organizations. However, the court also ruled that the FCC apparently changed its "safe harbor" time in which indecent language could be safely aired from 10 p.m. to midnight without substantial justification.

Broadcasters have argued that the FCC definition of indecency is too vague, and, consequently, they are forced into a position of



If the Theatre Rhino production of *Jerker* went on the radio, would the FCC pull the plug? (Photo: Savage Photography)

self-censoring material which may not be considered indecent in order to avoid possible fines or loss of license. The FCC defines indecency as "material which is patently offensive as measured by contemporary community standards for the broadcast medium, sexual or excretory activities or organs." The FCC has consistently refused to offer examples of what might or might not be considered "indecent."

David Salmaker, executive director of Pacifica Foundation, which was cited by the FCC for its airing of a portion of the AIDS-related play *Jerker*, described the ruling as "a big blow to all of us... It implied that there is a national standard of what constitutes indecency, and it gives the FCC the power to decide what it subjectively describes is patently offensive as a description of sexual activity."

The court's determination

made no allowance for the social or artistic merit of a program. Consequently, Allen Ginsberg's "Howl" could potentially face the same threat as, perhaps, *The Morton Downey Jr. Show*.

However, the three-judge panel also ruled that the FCC's hearings on its safe harbor policy did not offer ample justification for the time change. Broadcasters have argued that the listening audience drops off significantly after midnight, and, therefore the midnight standard will effectively bar adults from access to indecent material.

Indecent speech is a protected category under the First Amendment. The FCC's mandate is to assist parents in regulating their children's listening habits. Consequently, according to Salmaker, "programs require warnings, and indecent speech should be limited to times when adults are avail-

able in the household. [The FCC's guidelines] could, then, mean that indecency could be banned during the working hours, when parents aren't available, but could be aired in the early evening, when parents could supervise their child."

The court ruling stated that "the FCC must endeavor to determine what channeling rule will most effectively promote parental—as distinguished from governmental—control."

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It is possible, however, that the FCC could maintain its midnight standard after holding more open and comprehensive hearings on its safe harbor policy, Salmaker said. It is unclear how a court would rule should the FCC hold to a midnight rule harbor.

The Court of Appeals' decision in this case continues the legacy of earlier decisions in suggesting that broadcasters must be allowed to air indecent material during some designated "safe harbor."

This decision could affect an appropriations bill sponsored by Sen. Jesse Helms (R-NC), which attempts to prevent radio stations from airing sexually explicit broadcasts at any time.

Ed Baker, staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union, commented that "Helms' bill would go beyond FCC past and present regulations and what the Court of Appeals has said. The best reading of court law and the FCC's guidelines would indicate that both groups would view a total ban of indecent material as unconstitutional."

"However," Baker added, "the court has never faced the issue directly."

Helms commented to the Senate, "Garbage is garbage, no matter what time of day or night."




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Agnos Aide Predicts 'Gradual AIDS Therapeutic Progress'

But, He Says, 'Virus Will Be Around A Long Time'

by Jay Newquist

Dr. Donald Francis, the newly-appointed AIDS consultant to Mayor Art Agnos, predicts no great breakthrough on the horizon to quell the epidemic.

"There will be gradual therapeutic progress, but the virus will be around for a long time," said the infectious disease specialist. "People with AIDS are living longer, healthier lives with the intervention of drugs, but the death curse won't stop."

"Our own job is to care for them the best we can."

Francis will continue to advise State Health Director Dr. Ken Kizer on AIDS issues while he works one day each week for the City of San Francisco. His main task is to work with the private sector to broaden its response to the AIDS crisis.

He also hopes to unite under one roof all people with differing areas of AIDS expertise to make the system function better, including the exploration of better funding and meeting patient needs faster.

"San Francisco is a star, everyone concerned about AIDS is looking at us as a model, but we can do better," Francis said, indicating he is an optimist despite his belief the epidemic will get worse before it gets better.

Francis said he strongly believed there lurks within the American character the need to reach out to help people, from pennies for AIDS to the Coast Guard that rescues someone on a rubber raft in the ocean.

"We have to find a way to provide access to AIDS drugs to all those who want them despite the expense," he continued, estimating that if Congress can rightly spend \$3.9 billion to rescue farmers from the current drought, then the federal government could ante up a similar amount for AIDS.

Francis comes from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta where he became assistant director of its hepatitis and viral enteritis division in 1978. He studied biological sciences at UC Berkeley, earned an M.D. from Northwestern and his Doctor of Science from Harvard.

Francis, 45, is somewhat controversial—at least to Clark Taylor of the local Institute for Advanced Study of Human Sexuality.

"Francis presents himself in the light of a pseudo liberal who believes that less money is needed for AIDS because fewer gay men are being infected, Taylor said. "We still need the support

and we are far, far away from doing without."

Francis said he himself is tested regularly because his laboratory work brings him into repeated contact with the AIDS virus. He said he wished to safeguard his family.

He favors mandatory testing only for blood banks and the military where he said sex for the latter was often typified by "a six-pack and 12 sexual partners."

Taylor continued that Francis' appointment to Gov. George Deukmejian's Commission on AIDS made Francis a fixture of the establishment and that "someone was needed as a counterbalance."

The mayor's office credits Francis as one of the first to recognize that AIDS was caused by a sexually transmitted virus. Francis moved to Berkeley in 1985 as the CDC's AIDS advisor to Kizer. The federal government will pay Francis' salary for his work in San Francisco.

Lesbian Couple Fights For Insurance Benefits

Partner Denied Coverage, Using Rights Law in Complaint

by Dennis McMillan

A Madison, Wisconsin, lesbian couple who were denied health insurance extension have filed a formal complaint with the state Personnel Commission. Such denial is not only unfair but illegal, say attorneys representing the women, in the one state that has a statute specifically barring discrimination based on an employee's marital status and sexual orientation. Jerri Lynn Phillips, a state employee who wanted to add her partner of five years, Lorri Tommerup, to her group health insurance plan, was refused on the grounds that the couple is not legally married.

Tommerup does not have health insurance because she has left her job to attend graduate school.

Wisconsin is the only state in the U.S. to have an antidiscrimination law concerning sexual orientation. The closest equivalent is the District of Columbia and some case law that has developed under civil rights acts, such as in California.

In addition, since the employer involved is also the state government, it is therefore subject to the constraints of the Wisconsin equal protection clause of its state constitution.

According to Leonard Graff of National Gay Rights Advocates who is representing the women, these insurance cases are coming up more and more frequently.

"Typically these plans would not cost the employer anything, because the employer only pays for the employee's health insurance," stated Graff. "When an employee adds family to the plan, it is the employee not the employer who pays the additional premium." It makes no sense as to why companies would not extend their coverage, he said.

As a result of the state refusing to cooperate, NGR has filed an administrative agency action, which is the process they must go through before going to court. If the state Personnel Commission rules against the women, they can then settle the matter in court.

If the case goes all the way through the court system, precedent could be set in Wisconsin allowing for lesbian and gay couples to obtain equal rights with straight married couples in family health insurance benefits.

The ripple effect would be to begin changing the way the private sector handles insurance coverage of its employees. It would also be a validation and recognition of the significance of gay relationships, he pointed out.

The case is now pending before the Personnel Commission, a state agency which administers all the rules and regulations regarding state employees. The state of Wisconsin contends that the agency has no jurisdiction to hear the case, claiming that the case ought to be heard by the courts.

"What they're really trying to do is deduct the issue," Graff commented. "They feel it is controversial and they do not want to handle it."

Known technically as "exhaustion of administrative remedies," the law states that complainants must go through proper channels, in this case the commission, as a forum to adjudicate their dispute.

Concerning strategies planned for the case, Graff stated, "We intend to have the most vigorous representation for prosecution of

this claim that we can. We have some highly skilled attorneys who have done a tremendous amount of research."

Should the case reach an appeals court, NGR plans to recruit other organizations for assistance, filing *amicus curiae* briefs [Latin for "friend of the court"]—where someone who is not an actual party to the lawsuit can supply useful information for the court to hear.

The greatest obstacle NGR faces is that of tradition. While there may be no logical reason not to extend the health in-

surance policy, the fact remains that it never has been so extended in Wisconsin or anywhere else.

"There is a subconscious reluctance to be the first one to do something that hasn't been done before," explained Graff.

NGRA is hopeful of victory, believing that the law is squarely on their side. If nothing else, the case would help raise consciousness that long-term coupled homosexual relationships do exist. A win for NGR would also help to break down the stereotypes and make a stand for equal rights.



Sister Ruth Hall and volunteer Bob Beyer organize donations for this weekend's garage sale to benefit the Family Link, a nonprofit community service group that provides low-cost accommodations and related services to families and other loved ones visiting San Franciscans with life-threatening illnesses. The sale is Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 20-21, at the corner of Hayes and Baker streets.

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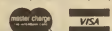
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Chicago Diocese Expels Gay Group

Church Takes Over Dignity Mass for Gays, Lesbians

by William Burks

Cardinal Joseph Bernardin of Chicago broke his longstanding public silence about Dignity's Mass here May 15 when he announced that the Archdiocese of Chicago will take over sponsorship of the Sunday night liturgy. At an unannounced “private” meeting following Dignity's weekly mass, Rev. John Flavin, pastor of St. Sebastian's Church, where the Mass has been held for 16 years, told 200 Dignity members that he and other priests will assume responsibility for the Mass for the gay and lesbian Catholic community.

Bernardin had planned to attend the meeting and make the announcement himself. But bad weather delayed his return to Chicago.

“It will be the responsibility of the pastors to ensure that everything connected with the Mass, and any events which might take place before or after the liturgy, be in accord with church teaching and discipline,” Bernardin's announcement said.

The meeting was to include “appropriate” questions by Dignity members for the pastors or the archdiocesan representative, according to Dignity/Chicago officers who moderated the proceedings. But, instead, lesbian and gay Catholics lined up at two microphones for more than two hours to express anger, pain, and sadness over their experiences in the church and the Vatican's position in its most recent statement condemning homosexual-ity.

“You should not be asked by anyone to be less than who you are, no one has the right to ask that of any other person,” the Rev. Michael Place, archdiocesan theologian, responded. “Each of us are, in our own ways, struggling to be followers of the Lord and be decent human beings, to love and be loved, and that's what these pastors are about, and that's what this ministry is about,” he said.

Dignity members referred often to specific texts in the Vatican's 1986 letter, challenging the clergy to state how the new ministry would conform to the letter's instructions. The clergymen attempted, at times, to gloss over the harshness of the Vatican document's tone and specific instructions.

St. Sebastian's Father Flavin said that “many of us were disturbed at that document” and said gay and lesbian dances, which have held in the parish school hall, had never been “near occasions of sin,” in his judgment.

Bernardin said everyone who had attended the Masses in the past were welcome in the future, and those who have had a leadership role on the liturgy planning committee were welcome to continue in that role. Some officers of Dignity/Chicago have said they will participate in the liturgy and “monitor diligently to see that this accepting atmosphere remains a viable part of the Sunday night liturgy.”

But many Dignity members appear unwilling to participate in the archdiocese's liturgy. At a general meeting at the end of May, members were scheduled to vote whether to continue attending the St. Sebastian Mass or to move to a non-Catholic church for its Masses. One participant in the May 15 meeting at St. Sebas-

tian asked if the archdiocese were prepared to accept civil disobedience such as Dignity/New York has performed at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The archdiocese's move will affect Dignity/Chicago's financial status. The offering at the Sunday night Mass has gone to Dignity, out of which it paid a fee for use of the church. During the past three months, Dignity's income was more than \$6,000 from its Masses at St. Sebastian. At the new Sunday night Mass, only checks made payable to Dignity put in the offering baskets will go to the local Dignity chapter.

Despite doubts about the archdiocese, gays and lesbians at the meeting expressed trust of the six pastors who will have immediate responsibility for the Sunday night Mass. The Association of Chicago Priests, a clergy organization independent of the archdiocese, recently honored the pastors for their outreach to the gay and lesbian community and their ministry in the AIDS crisis.

A priest involved in one of the first ministries to gay and lesbian Catholics said, “The archdiocese should be given the benefit of the doubt” as it establishes the new ministry. The Rev. Robert Nugent, SDS, continued, “I would think Dignity should at least cooperate and promote discussion of the issue.”

'Prejudice Reduction'

Jewish Group Produces TV Specials On Bigotry; Gays Included in Focus

by Allen White

Bigotry and prejudice against gay men and lesbians will be part of an impressive new effort announced last week by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai B'rith in San Francisco. It is called “A World of Difference” and is curiously described as a “prejudice reduction project.”

The project, which has been several months in the making, was coincidentally timed in the same week the national Jewish community was being bombarded with anti-Semitic rhetoric from right-wing Christian fundamentalists who were unhappy with the film, *The Last Temptation of Christ*. Lew Wasserman, head of Universal Pictures, which distributes the film, is Jewish.

Though the sponsoring organization is Jewish, its first major efforts will be television specials which will focus on Bay Area immigrants and a second show on Hispanics.

Richard Hirschhaut, the area director of the “World of Difference” effort, said there will be emphasis throughout the year on issues of concern to the gay and lesbian community. He said there is a group representing several Bay Area organizations which will meet several times a year for the purpose of developing strat-

egy in the battle against prejudice.

He said that representatives from Community United Against Violence will be included in all the meetings. He said that he attempted to gain involvement from other gay organizations, but said he received no response. One of the organizations which did not respond to the invitation to participate, he said, was the Golden Gate Business Association.

The project will include \$1.5 million in television time on KGO-TV. Groups like Atari, Safeway Stores, and the Koret Foundation have also pledged their support to develop specially produced materials for Bay Area classrooms. Spokespersons for KGO-TV said they expect a portion of the money will be earmarked directly to fight homophobia.

“A World of Difference” is being brought to the Bay Area by the ADL after several successful efforts in Boston and other cities on the East Coast. Hirschhaut, who will direct the campaign, said, “‘A World of Difference’ involves a serious and sustained application of time and resources, a blending of media and education, in the fight against bigotry and for harmony.”

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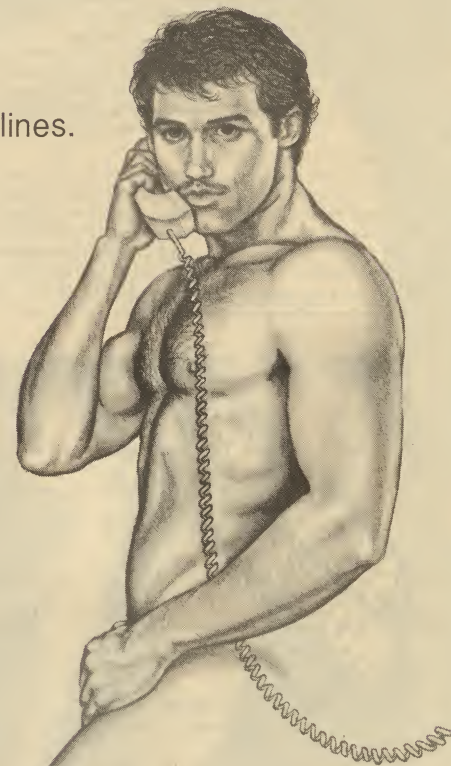
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'Retreat, Renewal, Refreshment'

Kairos House Offers a Quiet Place for Caregivers

by Mary Richards

In the war against AIDS, there are the fallen and those who remain. Who takes care of the ones who care? Where can those who no longer have their friends to confide in go to share special time with, to live out the life they thought they would share?

The ones who remain fall into nebulous categories. Some count their losses. Some only lose the one most precious person in their life. It doesn't matter how the loss looks, it is still the same. Pain is not counted in numbers. Shadow or sunlight remains for the survivors.

Kairos House hopes to bring the sunlight.

For Father John McGrann, Kairos House is a new beginning. Ordained into the priesthood in 1967, McGrann left his ministry for four years to live in San Francisco as an ordinary citizen without the protection of the church.

"I think it was a real important

part of my journey," he says, "to be away from the position and the security that the priesthood also offers. To fare for myself, to struggle as people do. I got to know people in a way that I didn't as a priest. I think I'm more open now, more sensitive to where people are coming from, more in touch with my own feelings and my gifts, more accepting of myself."

His acceptance took the form of a renewal of faith in healing. "I started thinking of working with people with AIDS, but I realized that it is even more important right now to help caregivers."

McGrann had worked at a re-

treat house called Kairos, the Greek word meaning "the center point, the right time, the moment of life." This is the time for the caregivers who cannot turn away, but who need, as he explains, "retreat, renewal, and refreshment."

NO JUDGMENT

The home of Kairos House seems to offer these qualities. Situated close to the Castro, its simple rooms are beautifully decorated with donations from friends. Here, the choice of religion knows no meaning. The home welcomes Buddhist as well as Protestant, and the agnostic as well as the believer find common ground.



Father John McGrann of Kairos House. (Photo: PhotoGraphics/Darlene)



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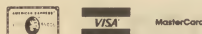
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The brochure for the project describes that it offers, in part: traditional and nontraditional interfaith approaches to inner growth and healing for people affected by the AIDS crisis; support groups and learning opportunities for the caregivers of those with AIDS/ARC, to include the medical and nursing professions; a place for private prayer, quiet time, and memorial services; individual support and spiritual guidance; meditation and spiritual healing groups.

Kairos House is just beginning, and how long it lasts will depend on the faith of a few volunteers. Freshly ground coffee, weekly flowers, and housekeeping are donated. In one of the rooms, a bulletin board displays the names of people who have each committed \$25 a month for a year toward rent. Future plans include an expanded resource library of books, tapes, and videos, and McGrann says that, eventually, "I want to be able to pay professional people (to be on staff).

"It's important to me," he stresses, "that we have people offering help here who are qualified, have experience, and who have taken care of people with AIDS themselves. We meet once a month to talk about ourselves and pray together."

In July, professionals in various fields offered evening workshop opportunities in subjects such as faith-sharing, spiritual guidance, east-west meditation practices, and therapeutic massage.

Donations of items for a large sidewalk sale, to be held the last weekend of August at Kairos House, are a current priority, and a fundraiser/auction for the organization is planned for October in the Green Room of the War Memorial Building. For further information on the project, contact Father John McGrann, Kairos House, 114 Douglass St., San Francisco, CA 94114, (415) 861-0877.

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DEATHS

Jay Platt Oct. 19, 1942—Aug. 6, 1988

Surrounded by his father, sister, cousin, and long-time roommate, Jay Platt passed away peacefully Saturday, Aug. 6, after a valiant fight against cancer.

His parents, from Chicago, were with him the last three months of his life to give him love, comfort, and support in his struggle against AIDS.

Jay is survived by his parents George and Carrie, sister Rona, roommate and dear friend Terry, and dog Tuffy, plus many, many close friends in San Francisco and Chicago.

Family and friends were very important to Jay and as a gourmet cook he was always sharing great meals (especially on holidays), making sure people had a place to come to though they might be far from home. He was always there to help his friends when they were in need.

Jay came to San Francisco in 1968 and became very involved in city and community affairs. During the Christmas holidays he cooked turkey dinners for the elderly. He built a nationwide business, Designer's Mfg., Inc., and donated many of his products and services to such organizations as the San Francisco Police Department's Arrest Hunger Project, the Bay Bridge 50th Birthday Celebration, Shanti Project, AIDS Emergency Fund, and Kaiser Permanente and San Francisco General hospitals, to mention but a few. Mayor Dianne



Feinstein also used his products as gifts around the world.

He was very active in the sports community and was involved in the beginnings of the CSL and GSL.

With his cowboy hat and irresistible smile, Jay was a recognizable figure all around town whose presence was always felt. Jay was a fighter and gave encouragement, advice and hope, even 'til the end, to others to keep up the fight. He will truly be missed, but his memory will live on.

Jay was buried in Chicago on Aug. 9. There will be a celebration of his life on Saturday, Aug. 20, 1988. For information, call Friday at 543-8812.

John Herschel Bandy Oct. 26, 1941—Aug. 9, 1988

John passed away Aug. 9 of AIDS complications, after several weeks during which his condition steadily worsened and his spirit soared. Toward the end he radiated love and healing to all around him.

John was an organist and choirmaster at several churches in Missouri and California and a professional chef. He had attended Southwestern Missouri Baptist College and CSU Northridge. He was instrumental in funding the construction of the great Ruffatti pipe organ in Davies Symphony Hall.

When John and his lover Steve participated in the first Radical Faerie gathering in 1979, John felt he had at last come home. His joy in the Faeries only increased through the years. The annual gathering at the Faerie Sanctuary in Wolf Creek, Oregon, was in progress when he died and he felt love streaming from there to him continually.

He is survived by his lover of 10 years, Steve Muchnick, his parents Merle and Mildred of Downey, and his brothers Paul of North Hollywood and Lynn of Oklahoma City.

John's ashes will be scattered in two places he deeply loved: Kings Canyon in the high Sierra and the Faerie Sanctuary.

A celebration of John's life was held at the Greenleaf Avenue Baptist Church in Whittier on Aug. 13, and another will be held at his and Steve's home, 5007 Diamond Heights Blvd., San Francisco, on Saturday Aug. 27, at 9 p.m.

Donations in John's memory may be made to Nomenus, the Radical Faerie Land Trust, P.O. Box 11655, San Francisco, CA 94101.

Special thanks to Rudy Picardi, Fred Tulan, and the Faeries of the Deep Heart Circle and especially to John Carvantes, who gave tirelessly to help care for John in his last weeks.

"May our hearts fill with music, may the music fill with light, may we all make it home through the night."

Charles E. 'Tony' Fasulo

He died Aug. 11 in Honolulu, HI, as a result of AIDS. Born and raised in San Francisco, "Tony" is survived by his



aunts Angie, Anne, and Auntie Lou and his dear cousin Stephanie, and his lover of five years Lonnie West. He will be missed by a score of long-time friends.

Tony was well known around the Half Moon Bay region for his expertise at the piano and his strong, rich voice.

Rest in final peace, Tony. We'll miss you.

Manuel Acosta

He loved his Mother. He loved his Father. He loved his Family. He will be missed.

Memorial Service to be held at St. Boniface Church, 133 Golden Gate Ave., San Francisco, CA 94103.

David Jackson Garrett 1958-1988

David Jackson Garrett, a 29-year-old resident of San Francisco, died Aug. 9, 1988 at San Francisco General Hospital, where he had been a patient for only one week.

David was born on Dec. 10, 1958 in Alaska. After moving to San Francisco, he worked as a free-lance photographer, doing photography for a number of well-known publications. David was a quiet and reserved person and for the last 15 years, when he called San Francisco home, he spent most of his time absorbed in his work.

David is survived by his father, Jack Garrett of El Paso, Texas, two sisters, one brother, and his uncle, Michael Chapman of San Francisco.

Cremation services for David have been handled through California Funeral Service, 1465 Valencia St., S.F. His ashes will be scattered at sea.

Rest in peace, David.

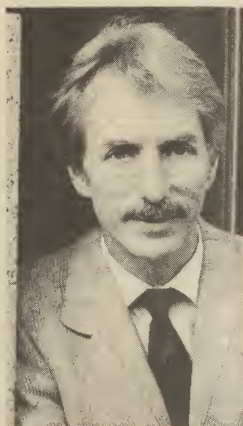
Hal M. Freeman

Hal M. Freeman, 52, a psychotherapist in private practice in San Francisco and former western regional manager of the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, died of cardiac arrest and AIDS complications on July 30 at Kaiser Hospital in San Francisco.

Born in Oklahoma City in 1936, Freeman was a graduate of Northwestern University. For nearly 30 years, he distinguished himself in public service as a champion of civil rights. Freeman was active in the struggles of the 1960s, serving with the Chicago Commission on Human Relations, as director of Housing and Community Services, and the Leadership Council for Metropolitan Open Communities founded by Martin Luther King Jr.

After 18 years of service with the Department of Health and Human Services, Freeman resigned his post on Feb. 20, 1986. His resignation was in protest over the refusal of Betty Lou Dotson, the Reagan-appointed director of the Office of Civil Rights, to consider persons with AIDS and AIDS-related conditions as physically handicapped and, therefore, legally entitled to protection from discrimination. Freeman's action and eloquent letter of resignation, media attention, and a congressional inquiry led to Dotson's own resignation and reversal of the protested policy. Persons with AIDS and ARC are now protected by the Office of Civil Rights in accordance with federal civil rights laws.

Having earned a master's de-



gree in clinical psychology in 1984, Freeman went into private practice as a psychotherapist following his departure from Health and Human Services. His dedication and integrity quickly earned him an excellent reputation in his new profession.

Freeman himself was diagnosed with AIDS in June of 1987.

Hal Freeman is survived by his lover of 13 years, Michael S. Macpherson, and his two sons, Brad and Troy Freeman. He will be greatly missed by those many friends who knew and loved him and by the countless other men and women who never knew him, but for whose rights he so ardently fought. Donations in his memory may be made to the American Foundation for AIDS Research, 5900 Wilshire Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90036-5032.

Dave Hornemann

David Hornemann, M.D., departed this life July 1, 1988, at the George Washington University Medical Center from complications associated with AIDS. He was 44.

Hornemann was born in Gowanda, NY, and spent most of his youth in Fredonia, NY. He attended the University of Buffalo, and studied medicine at Georgetown and Johns Hopkins universities. He served in the Vietnam conflict and was awarded the Purple Heart.

For several years, Hornemann worked at the Montgomery General Hospital in Olney, MD, as director of respiratory care. In 1985, he moved to the San Francisco area to take a similar position at Mill Peninsula Memorial Hospital in San Mateo county.

After he was diagnosed in 1986 as having AIDS, he returned to the Washington area to be with his partner of 11 years, Dwayne Blair. He was greatly admired for his positive outlook on life and for living powerfully with AIDS. He was regional coordinator for Northern Lights Alternatives, and was primarily responsible for establishing the AIDS Mastery workshops in the DC area. He was also an active member of the MCC Church of the Disciples, where he established a holistic healing support group, the Healing Alliance of Mind, Body, and Spirit, in addition to the AIDS ministry program of the church, including support groups for those testing positive.

In addition to Blair, Dave is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thornton Hornemann, Fredonia, NY; a sister, Sharon, Orchard Park, NY; his daughter Tracy, Mt. Airy, MD, and a son, Douglas, currently serving in the U.S. Navy.

Memorial services were held in Washington, DC, July 4, with interment in Falls Church, VA, the following day. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Northern Lights Alternatives, c/o 2701 Park Center Drive, B-1107, Alexandria, VA 22302.

He will be greatly missed by his partner, family, and numerous friends, especially Charles, Dusty, John, and Paul of San Francisco.

Steven F. Marco

July 12, 1941-Aug. 2, 1988

Our friend Steve passed away at Peninsula Hospital of complications from AIDS after a two-year struggle. His mother was by his side when he died. A brief graveside ceremony was held at Sky-lawn Memorial Park on Aug. 10.

Steve was employed for 21 years by United Airlines as a mechanical engineer.

We'll remember always his love of vintage cars and the great care with which he kept his two classics. He also enjoyed boating and water skiing.

He is survived by his devoted mother, Rose Thrasher, whose loving care for Steve was unsurpassed; his father and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Marcos; his best friend of many years, Joe Santos, whose companionship gave Steve so much comfort and happiness, especially toward the end; and many loving friends.

He was preceded in death by his lover of four years, Craig DeWitt, who died of AIDS in October 1986.

Goodbye, Steve. We'll especially miss you on the houseboat trip this year, and we'll miss your kind and generous spirit and your easy smile always.

Robert Vitale

July 23, 1988

Bobby Vitale passed quietly on Saturday, July 23, at 11:40 a.m., after a year-long battle with AIDS. Bobby was residing at the Coming Home Hospice when rest finally came.

Good luck, Bobby, you will be sorely missed.

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Dennis Young

Dennis Young died of complications of AIDS on July 28, 1988, in the company of his brother and sisters in Liverpool, New York. He was 44 years young.



Dennis moved to San Francisco in 1968 and lived here until October of last year. During his stay in San Francisco, he worked for many years at the Gilded Age on Castro Street, and more recently was the manager of the Dubeo Apartments. He was a member of St. Francis Lutheran Church.

Dennis loved antique furniture, plants, and especially animals. He will be remembered on our hill off the Bolinas Ridge on Mount Tam at 2 p.m. on Aug. 22. For more information, call Max at 282-6022.

Bob Harnois

Bob Harnois, 49, died on July 26, 1988 in Roseville, where his brother, sister-in-law, and Vanna his Chihuahua gave him loving care.



Bob was born in Wenatchee, Washington, August 24, 1938 and came to California in 1960 after serving in the Air Force.

He moved into his home on Castro Street in 1973, where he opened the Golden Fleece.

His appreciation for beauty and nature were expressed through the works of art in his home, the stunning garden, many pet birds, and the hairstyles he gave at the Golden Fleece.

Joey A. Loza

June 25, 1954-Aug. 13, 1988

Joey passed away at his home after a courageous, two-year struggle with AIDS. He maintained his zest for life even during his final days.



He made the tough choices concerning his life throughout his illness. He was determined not to hurt those close to him.

Joey will be fondly remembered as a Muni Metro station agent, a hard-nosed player in the Gay Softball League, and a loyal patron at the Cafe Flore. Joey was always open to new experiences and believed in living one's life to the fullest. He was not afraid to quit a job in an effort to improve himself by going back to school or to grow by travelling. He was honest with his friends and genuinely cared about them. His love for his family and theirs for him was very evident to those around him the last few weeks.

Joey is survived by his mother Rita O. Loza, his father Joe Molina, his grandmother Alejandra Loza, his brothers Bobby, Abel, Armando, Angel, and Rand, and his many special friends in San Francisco.

Donations can be made in Joey's name to the AIDS Emergency Fund, Project Open Hand, or the Gay Softball League's AIDS Fund.

A memorial service is being planned. For more information, please call Bob at 776-6088.

Friday

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among the GOP group, they somehow seem more comfortable in a closet.)

The one party that everyone in New Orleans was trying to get invited to this week was the one given by faithful Republican Arnold Schwarzenegger, who is married to Kennedy classperson Maria Shriver.

Don't count the U.S.S. Missouri out yet. San Francisco voters will choose between two measures Nov. 8 regarding homeporting the Missouri and its battle group. One plan would require the city to spend \$2 million to prepare the port, and Mayor Art Agnos has come up with a plan that asks that costs be borne by the feds. Agnos critics say that the mayor's proposal is a tipoff to the fact he expects voters to support homeporting the Missouri here.

Jack Davis has taken a leave as Quentin Kopp's chief of staff to run the pro-Missouri homeporting campaign in the November election. Kopp, meanwhile, has come on as some kind of political analysis expert and is in New Orleans as a commentator for KTVU channel 2.

Jesse Jackson (remember him?) urged both Bush and Dukakis this week to drop their focus on one-liners so that the campaign won't get "warped into sleaze." (This coming from the guy whose entire campaign sounded like a never-ending, rambling Burma-shave ad.)

Marty Keller, a CRIR club official, is the new co-host of the weekly *That's Politics* on Viacom channel 6.

Ben Tom's disqualification as a candidate for reelection to the Board of Education should make Leland Yee a favorite to win the open seat. Incidentally, Tom's

planned fight to get back on the ballot should be dropped. The same rules apply to everyone, and if the candidate or the campaign manager screws up, those are the breaks, Mr. Tom.

Bruce Lilienthal, one of the leading challengers for a super seat, listed at least seven gay men and lesbians among his ballot sponsors.

Coretta Scott King, a staunch Democrat, spent Tuesday evening at the Superdome as a guest in the Bush family box.

IT'S BUSH AND QUAYLE

Vice President George Bush, who accepts the Republican Party nomination tonight for president in New Orleans, surprised nearly all the political pundits when he announced Tuesday afternoon that he had chosen Daniel Quayle, an ultra-conservative, second-term senator from Indiana, as his vice presidential running mate. Quayle, a 41-year-old multimillionaire, was only 33 years of age when first elected to the Senate in 1980 during the first Reagan landslide.

Political observers immediately noted that Sen. Quayle has the movie star looks of Robert Redford, though he votes in the Senate more like Jesse Helms. Republicans, of course, deny that Bush chose Quayle because of his young age and his appeal to women voters. (In 1986, Quayle won reelection against a woman candidate, raking more than 60 percent of the women's vote.) But George Bush's obvious gender/gay problem makes the youthful senator a smart choice.

Senator Quayle is considerably more conservative than even George Bush, has supported the conservative wing of his party down the line, and is a favorite, as well, of the fundamentalists in the Republican Party. Reportedly worth more than \$500 million, Quayle is the heir to an Indiana newspaper empire, married, and the father of three children.

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Dennis passed peacefully from this life shortly after midnight, July 27, 1988 after a courageous, 30-month struggle against AIDS. He was surrounded in his last hours by his loving mother Delores, and father, Leroy; his favorite aunt, Shirley; his companion, Ross; his dear friend Richard; and loving friends Fred and Michael. He



is also survived by his brothers Steven and Daniel, who loved him.

Dennis lived in his beloved San Francisco for eight years. He was a man for whom life was a never-ending adventure to be explored and shared to the fullest. He successfully combined his talents in both business and the theater. Before he became disabled, Dennis was controller and office manager for Merrill, Pickard, Anderson & Eyre, a leading venture capital firm. As an actor he performed with Attie Theatre, the San Francisco Tap Troupe, and Young Performers Theatre. His last professional performance was in *The Rocky Horror Show* at Theatre On The Square.

In his final months, Dennis was truly more concerned for the needs and comfort of others than for his own peril. His illness became the crucible of his life experience.

A private memorial service was held on July 28 at the request of his family, who wished to meet Dennis' San Francisco friends. A funeral mass was conducted Aug. 1 in his hometown of Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

Dennis would be pleased if those who wish to do so would make a contribution in his memory to the AIDS Emergency Fund, his favorite AIDS support organization.

Dennis—Safe Home.

Kopp Bill Goes to Assembly Despite Protests of Medics

Law Would Prohibit Denial of Care Based on HIV Infection

by Dennis McMillan

Senator Quentin Kopp's extremely important AIDS-related bill, S.B. 2857, has passed the State Senate and is in the Assembly. The bill would prohibit denial of medical care based on a person's HIV infection and would permit physicians to disclose HIV test results to direct-care health workers.

S.B. 2857 provides maximum care for a patient in two ways. First, it allows disclosure of his HIV status only to the direct patient-care team. In the words of the bill itself, it is "only for the purpose of providing patient diagnosis, care, or treatment if the diagnosis, care, or treatment would likely be affected by knowledge of the test results."

In the opinion of Jack Davis, legislative aide to Kopp, this is a legitimate need for health care workers in treating their HIV-infected patients.

The bill also would prohibit any health practitioner from denying or discontinuing services to a person based on HIV status. At the least, it would require the practitioner to make "arrangements for services to be provided by another provider that is qualified, willing to accept the patient, and capable of providing services that are equivalent to the service the provider would have provided, and timely transfer to these services [must be] completed."

"We've seen a lot of horror stories across the state of patients who have been pretty much abandoned because they are HIV-positive," said Rand Martin of Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE). "This bill would prohibit that from occurring."

Strong opposition to the bill is coming from the California Medical Association (CMA) and California Association of Hospitals



Quentin Kopp

(Photo: Rink)

and Health Systems. "They don't believe a physician should be compelled to take a patient," Martin said. "We're not necessarily compelling them to take a patient, but saying they have an ethical obligation to insure that patient is given into the care of a physician who will take care of him."

Such nightmare cases of abandonment, though infrequent in San Francisco, Los Angeles, and other big cities, would be outlawed in smaller cities, less-educated in AIDS matters and more prone to AIDS hysteria.

NURSES SAY 'YES'

On the other hand, the bill is being strongly supported by the California Nurses Association, which fact gives both Davis and Martin hope for its eventual passage.

LIFE is also sponsoring Assembly Bill 4438 by Terry Freedman, the language of which was borrowed by Kopp for his S.B. 2857, at LIFE's request. Both bills have experienced difficulty in passing. According to Martin, CMA has a lot of clout. Martin is pleased that 2857 has passed the Senate. But the ultimate question is whether Gov. George Deukmejian will sign it once it passes both houses.

LIFE intends to be both patient and perseverant. Martin cited as an example the issue of prohibiting patient dumping in emergency rooms, a bill that took ten years to become law. "The governor finally signed it, even though the CMA and hospitals were not in support of it," he pointed out.

"It's a difficult fight, and I'm not sure where we'll end up with it," Martin added. "It can be done, but it may not be in 1988."

AIDS Education For Health Care Pros?

Senate Looks at Much-Compromised Bill

by Dennis McMillan

A much-compromised, AIDS-related bill is being considered in the California State Senate. Authored by Sen. Quentin Kopp (Ind.-San Francisco) in March 1987, SB 1552 would make legislative findings as to the need of health care professionals to include AIDS education as part of the continuing educational process for licensing.

The bill comes out of a request from members of the AIDS Task Force Subcommittee on Continuing Education in an attempt to address the issue of health care providers and the AIDS epidemic.

Originally the bill set out to make AIDS education a mandatory part of the continuing education process for health care workers to receive licensing. As it is presently under the continuing medical education system, all health care workers are required to have a certain number of credits per year after they have received their license. This bill would have forced AIDS courses onto the curriculum.

The thought behind the bill, according to Jack Davis, chief of staff in Kopp's office, was that once out of the San Francisco and Los Angeles areas where AIDS awareness is high, one is likely to find that health care workers in the smaller cities and towns are in need of AIDS education.

In Davis' opinion, given the current situation of the epidemic, it would be in the interest of public health to mandate AIDS courses as part of continuing education curriculum.

The bill was heavily opposed by the California Medical Association and the California Nurses Association, and was therefore defeated in its original form. Now SB 1552, in Davis' words, "has become more of a policy statement with regards to the need for health care providers to include

AIDS study programs in their curriculum."

According to Rand Martin of Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE), "It was only intended to be a spot bill, to hold a place to put language in, and give a bill to amend in more substantive language."

Accordingly, practically all eight sections of the bill have been amended with the rather weak language "to consider" including AIDS education as part of the educational requirements. In example, the bill states that it "would require the respective boards regulating dentists and related licensees, physicians and surgeons, registered nurses, vocational nurses, marriage, family, and child counselors, and clinical social workers to consider including training regarding the characteristics and method assessment and treatment of AIDS in specified continuing education and training requirements for those licensees."

MUCH STRONGER ONCE

The original, unamended bill was considerably stronger in language, but was vehemently opposed by the CMA, being against mandating courses of study. This necessitated a session including Martin; Stan Hadden, David Robert's aide; and representatives from several committees to meet and come up with the compromised version of the bill.

An ad hoc group, the Health Professional Education Committee, has been established by W.L. Warner, former president of Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights (BAPHR) and current president of Consultants for Health Care (CHC). The committee has been working on an alternative approach that will hopefully satisfy the concerns of CMA and CNA.

The group has come up with a program that would offer incentive towards voluntarily taking AIDS education courses. The form of the education, according to Warner, would be a two-year statewide system of sequential mailings about AIDS information.

A similar bill in the Assembly, AB 3034 by Mike Roos, requires every physician to take a course in AIDS if his or her practice requires such knowledge. This Assembly bill has just as much adamant opposition from CMA and CNA to it as does the Senate version. LIFE does not expect it to pass anytime in the near future, if at all.

Martin is slightly more optimistic towards 1552, which has now moved into the Assembly with its weak, compromising language.



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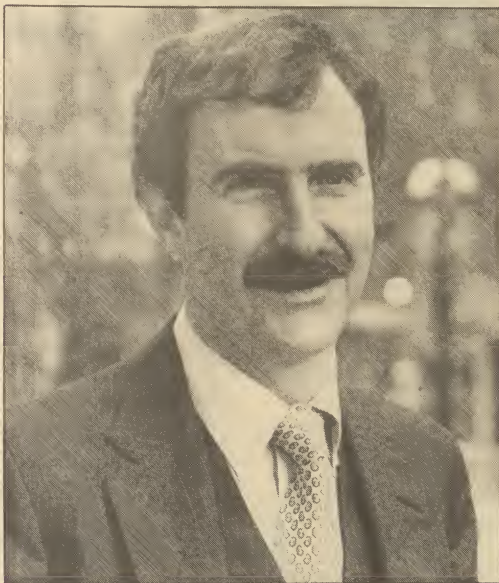
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Tom Nolan Campaigns For Demo Senate Nomination

Warns Business Groups About Prop. 102, Doolittle

by Marv. Shaw

Tom Nolan, San Mateo County's gay supervisor, said last week that he is campaigning for the Democratic nomination to run against Republican incumbent Becky Morgan for the 11th Senatorial District on the Peninsula. Nolan, the featured speaker at the George Moore Memorial Service Banquet of the Peninsula Business and Professional Association (CBPA) at the Venus Restaurant in Mountain View on Aug. 13, indicated that he is the frontrunner among both local and state Democrats to replace Robert Mack, who died a few weeks ago. Nolan's official announcement will be made Sept. 25.



San Mateo County Sup. Tom Nolan.

(Photo: P. Stein)

Citing his prime motive, Nolan said, "I want to keep John Doolittle (A Southern California conservative) from doing what he is doing in the Senate." One probable event in Nolan's campaign is a fundraiser on the first Sunday in October at San Gregorio Beach—clothing optional.

Nolan's two speech themes were gifts and power. "What kinds of gifts can we bring to the struggle?" he asked. Then, he answered by citing Jim Wigler's photography in "Faces of AIDS," the Buddies program of close care for PWAs, ELLIPSE's comprehensive AIDS help, and all the letter writers urging improved AIDS financing and development of gay rights generally. "We enrich ourselves by giving," he concluded.

On power, Nolan asserted, "The more we stand up to oppo-

nents, the more we have gained." The homophobic power threat Nolan insisted, is now demanding our strong opposition, November ballot Prop 102, is going to be harder to defeat than Prop. 64 (LaRouche) or the recent Prop. 69 because 102 has the sponsorship of Rep. Dannemeyer and Paul Gann, thereby gaining respectability with the general electorate.

Nolan cited one potentially disastrous effect, the negative reactions of the insurance companies to seropositives who must be reported to them under the new law. The financial responsibility for financing the care of PWAs would bounce to already strapped counties. Citing a more general threat, Nolan stated, "It would create a fascist atmosphere by encouraging people to turn others in."

COUNTY BY COUNTY

To counter the Prop. 102 drive, Nolan briefly described a county-by-county organization which would make it impossible for "any self-respecting politician to support 102."

PBPA Pres. Kim Harris conducted the second half of the program by giving recognition certificates to 12 Peninsulans whose volunteer efforts have distinguished them in AIDS services and gay rights promotions: Chris Coppola, first president of ELLIPSE; Richard Gianoli, Beacon of Hope founder; Bill Glenn, Buddies founder; Randy Hill, San Jose Pastor and founder of AIDS support group Necessities and More; Terry Mason and Johnie Skaggs, co-founders of Home Sweet Home Hospice.

Similarly honored were Alma Sullivan for AIDS support in many organizations; Nick Koras, a FrontRunner who has garnered AIDS money through "miles run" pledges; Walter Martone, Buddy and gay activist in many groups; Gary Givens, who has brought in AIDS funds with efforts such as Christmas tree sales; Toby Nelson and Chris Cow, who have produced many AIDS benefit shows; and Bennet Marks, founder of Apple Lambda and persistent letter writer to the public press.

Harris emphasized that the PBPA intends to make the awards banquet an annual affair. ●

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Mama Chuckles Hangs It Up

PREAMBULATING BYHAND (A Decorous Nose)

At the "Barbecue OTP, BTP, FTP" held Sunday, Aug. 7, on the grounds of Fairmont Hospital, Mama Chuckles announced that it would be his last one as the primary organizer. In addition to the barbecue, he is going to be a lot less active in other events for which he has become associated; these include Mr. and Miss Gay, Foxy Lady of Alameda County, and Miss \$1.98.

I asked him why he made this decision, and his immediate response was, "I'm getting old and tired, just like you!" Deciding to delve a little deeper, I queried further and learned that he wants younger blood and new ambitions to take over the job of organizing these kinds of functions.

When asked to give advice to any novitiate seeking such a position with the barbecue, in particular, Chuck said he was so glad to see so many Oakland, Hayward, and San Leandro representatives this year.

"It was because a lot of bars got totally involved this time around," he said. "I feel there should be a committee made up of a representative from each gay bar in Alameda County. It's really difficult to go around year after year to the bars, beseeching, imploring, and pleading for donations of prizes, money for food, booze, and soft drinks. With each bar represented on the committee, it will make that part of the organizing a hell of a lot easier. That 'begging,' actually, was the hardest thing about getting the barbecue put together. The committee will have to get out and really push. You really have to work like hell to make it a success—and promote, promote, and promote some more."

I was curious as to what the easiest thing was, and Chuckles said that asking me to do the posters was the least of his worries.

Chuck's biggest satisfaction with this year's barbecue was the unity of all the people being together from all over Alameda County. Most of the bars were represented, most of the bar owners/managers were there, and customers from each bar seemed to have a good time with everyone else.

His biggest disappointment was the lack of attendance. There should have been total support from the gay community.

Chuckles has no regrets about anything he has done in the community these past years, and the most satisfaction he has received was getting help when it was needed. He doesn't consider himself a leader in the community, but, rather, an organizer—a fund/charity-raiser. He feels there should be a leader in the gay community, but it would have to be one who everyone trusted and respected.

He now wants to get more involved in the politics of Alameda County, because that's what the gay community needs.

"I've played enough roles [in leather, in shorts, in dresses, in slacks, in a suit and tie, etc.] to know what this community needs," he said. "I feel that I'm easing out of one aspect and getting into something more beneficial to our gay community as a whole."

Chuck went on to comment about how the gay bars have been



Mama Chuckles finalizing the finances of the BBQ.

so totally supportive of functions for AIDS, especially when it was considered just a gay disease. Now that it's a "human" disease, it's time that the straight community got a lot more involved.

Maybe, when Chuck gets thoroughly embroiled in the political arena, he can make this come about. Godspeed to this tremendous guy from Saginaw, Michigan. How lucky we are that "Big Chuck" dragged him out here by his hairs 22 years ago.

INWARD COMMISERATION (A Bear With Me Nose)

Alas and alack! My spouse is back in the hospital with complications too febrile and palliative for me to understand, much less try to outline here. Suffice it to say that Ashby Avenue and I will get even better acquainted than we had in the past. (Drivers on that street are crazier than the ones on the Nimitz Freeway!)

One must do what one must do, so daily visits to the fourth floor of Alta Bates Hospital are now a part of my (our) vacation routine. We do enjoy having our evening meals together—his, hospital fare, and mine, cafeteria offerings. (Usually leftovers from the previous day's hospital menu!) The "welcoming" brochure in each room states, "For a minimal charge, visitors may enjoy the same dinner as the patient." I checked with the nurses station, and that minimal charge turned out to be \$9! My cafeteria tray usually runs between \$5 and \$6—and that includes an 18-ounce cup of coffee. I feel that all the elevators in the hospital and I will get much more cognizant in the weeks to come.

A bit of puzzlement and humor did occur—thank goodness! To the uninitiated, when one is admitted to a hospital too late to make selections for the next day's meals, they are selected for them by the dietician from a menu with these six categories: Regular, Soft, Puree, Clear Liquid, Full Liquid, and T and A. The first five I could readily identify, but that "T and A" had me really guessing. The nurses couldn't help, and the cafeteria personnel didn't know, either. That great song from *A Chorus Line* kept creeping into everyone's minds—"Tits and Ass"! Believe me, I knew that that wouldn't be on any hospital's menu.

I finally managed to corner a dietician on the fourth floor and explained my dilemma about the

menu categories. She managed to stifle a snicker about "Tits and Ass," and then explained that "T and A" simply referred to "tonsillectomy and adenoidectomy!"

Dearest spouse, cancel your order immediately! You're not that fond of gelatin, custard, and imitation ice cream!

OLLA-PODRIDA (A Medley Nose)

Due to space limitations last issue, some photo credits from the barbecue weren't acknowledged. Thanks must be given to the cooks: Terry, Robert, and Jim Sanchez. Kudos to Marge and Jim B. for doing the duties at the refreshment booth. Plaudits to comedian Danny Williams for allowing Frumpy—for a \$10 fee—to smash a pie in his face.

By the by, a grand total of \$2,279.85 was raised during the barbecue. The coffers of Fairmont Hospital's Canteen Fund are extremely grateful.

Mark Frisze wanted me to mention Polk Street "Bar Wars IV, Lip Sync or Swim," to be held Sunday, Aug. 28. It's a benefit for the Godfather Service Fund. It starts at 10 a.m. at the New Bell and advances to Gangway, Mother Lode, Polk Gulch, Reflections, Q.T. (hi, Hagatha!), Rendezvous, and Kimo's. A \$10 donation buys a book of tickets (on sale at each bar, plus the Mint), and your tour guide will be Mark himself! Prize drawings will be held at each participating bar for those with books of tickets.

Hell! Bar Wars is nothing new for the East Bay. We've had them for years. Of course, it's quite a different thing over here. It's not for any charity, and in some cases it's really a true confrontation. I've been there, I know! (And it's a dissension without any winners.)

An aside to Ms. Frisze's personal note: Hey, Mark baby, consider "Demented Queen" a title for which you didn't have to run; and it's for life!

I don't know. The troubled AIDS Project of the East Bay had a benefit. It was held last Sunday, Aug. 14. The flyers advertising the event were distributed on Wednesday, Aug. 10. That's not what you'd call planning ahead.

I just have to believe in luck. How else can I explain the success of those who I don't particularly like? I'll try to smile.

—Love, Nez

FLAG

(Continued from page 1)

and Gays reads like a politically correct, activist handbook. Some FLAG members volunteer for Project Open Hand, Shanti, and the Names Project. Athletes among them participate in the Gay Run and the Bike-A-Thon, and those a bit slower did the recent AIDS Walk. They have raised precious pennies for the San Francisco AIDS Emergency Fund's Every Penny Counts, and they have been represented at every major march since this time last year in Washington, D.C.; Sacramento; and in San Francisco.

FLAG has been around since 1984, and its members come from various organizations within the federal government. They're the first to admit that they're "feds." Always there to be counted on for the big things, they still believe that little things mean a lot.

When FLAG's Pres. Joe Durban heard that there wasn't enough money to repair the VCR at the AIDS wing of Kaiser Hospital, he told FLAG members about it. The necessary funds were raised, and it was put back into commission.

Board member John-Michael Olexy says that "our basic telephone number has literally become a hotline for referrals, especially for federal employees out of town." They get phone calls from people who are newly diagnosed, work in small agencies, and would prefer not to deal with their individual personnel offices. "I refer them," Olexy explained, "to AIDS agencies in cities near them, because they feel very alone."

On May 3 FLAG wrote to the Social Security Administration, expressing concern about that

department's handling of negative publicity they received in the gay press in regard to treatment of people with AIDS and ARC.

"We just felt that we owed it to our employees in Social Security," says Joe. "We weren't taking sides—we just wanted their response published." Social Security did respond in the following issue of the Bay Area Reporter, and members of FLAG feel that their intervention may have precipitated a fuller dialogue between the press and that government organization.

When the Combined Federal Campaign (a project similar to the United Way in the private sector) sent a letter to federal employees advising them that their new rules and regulations should be made available to all interested groups, FLAG members sat down and sent out notices to 30 gay and AIDS groups in the city. Many of the organizations they contacted sent back notes of thanks for their concern.

The Every Penny Counts project to benefit the S.F. AIDS Emergency Fund has been a special rallying point for FLAG. Each month the Social Security Administration publishes Oasis, a magazine which is distributed to every employee in that organization in the nation. In it they profile people who volunteer in various capacities.

Former FLAG Pres. M. Janet Allen wrote to Oasis, explaining some of the "little things" that Federal Lesbians and Gays do as a group, such as distributing magazines to the AIDS wards of local San Francisco hospitals.

When her letter to the editor was published in Oasis, the words "Federal Lesbians and Gays" were omitted from the text. Jan says, with laughter, "Naturally I was pissed off. I whipped off a letter to them, and I was very angry,

'We measure our success in little things: a mention in the Social Security magazine, the repairing of a VCR... We call these little things, and when someone does them, they turn out to be very important.'

—John-Michael Olexy

saying it may surprise you to know there are a lot of lesbians and gays working for Social Security. I think it's important that you give us the recognition we deserve.

"I got a response back from the editor, and he apologized and promised to use the name of our group in a future issue. So we waited about two or three months. I zipped out another letter to him and sent him the story about how we started collecting pennies in the regional office of Social Security for Every Penny Counts."

Jan's story was published in the July 1988 issue of Oasis. "We think," John-Michael says, "that it's the first time the words 'lesbian' and 'gay' have ever been used in this type of nationwide publication."

In July FLAG started to receive a response from the Oasis article. Jan returned to work on the Monday morning after the parade to find a letter on her desk from Kansas City, with the words "Do Not Open in the Mailroom" written in red across the front and back. It was to be the beginning of a series of communications and phone calls from gays and

lesbians throughout the country expressing their excitement and delight that FLAG had "come out."

Ted Sloan works in Richmond and is the group's vice president for community outreach. As soon as the Oasis article was published, he cut it out, pasted it to a large pickle jar, and started the penny campaign in his cafeteria. He says, "I've gotten great response so far."

While they are seriously involved in community affairs, FLAG members always take time out to have fun. Frank Morelli is vice president in charge of social affairs and spoke about some of their recent and upcoming events.

"We just had a 'learn to square dance' evening at the MCC Church," he explained, "and it was a smashing success. Coming up is a picnic to Angel Island, and on Thursday, Aug. 25, we're having a Gay Hospice bingo night. During the course of the evening, people win and donate a portion of their winnings back to the AIDS Hospice."

Unlike some organizations,

the FLAG board of directors meeting is open to all of the group's members. Priscilla Royal is a recent member of the board and says, "It's strongly recommended that people come, because that's obviously one way that they get to know what the organization is all about, how we function, and what things we're involved in."

Priscilla can speak from firsthand knowledge about involvement and what it means. She single-handedly staffed the FLAG booth the entire day of the parade and signed up 30 new members.

"There was a great response to the FLAG booth," she said. "Starting early in the morning, we had a number of people coming by who were thrilled by the fact that we existed—not only federal employees and retirees, but state and county employees."

"Our membership has close to doubled since I've been a member. This indicates the concern that federal employees have, to have a voice and also to build a strong enough support system so that people who are in federal employment can feel they can come to somebody who is gay and sympathetic for advice."

Olexy acknowledged that "we measure our successes in little things: a mention in the Social Security magazine, the repairing of a VCR, the letter to the regional commissioner of Social Security regarding AIDS and ARC. We call these little things, and when someone does them, they turn out to be very important."

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- **One Fool, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Dutch:** stage performance, the Studio at Theatre Rhinoceros, 2926 16th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m., \$8. Terry Baum returns from a worldwide tour to open her latest one-woman show. Call 861-5079 for tickets.
- **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, Sutter's Mill, 77 Battery St., S.F., 9:30 p.m., \$10, two-drink minimum. Call 788-8379 for reservations.
- **I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road:** stage performance, Jenner Playhouse, Highway 1, 20 minutes west of Guerneville via 116, \$7.50. Call (707) 865-2905 for more information.
- **Seth Montfort:** piano recital, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$6. Featuring works by Bach, Mozart, and Schubert.
- **Cabaret Night With Viva: Scandals,** 162 Turk St., S.F., 9 p.m.
- **High-Energy Music:** dancing at the Endup, 401 6th St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$2 cover. With DJ Mike Dianella.
- **Modern Music Friday:** with DJ Steve Masters, B Street, 236 B St., San Mateo, 9 p.m., cover.
- **Club Infra-Red:** dancing, Scooters, 22 4th St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., cover. Sound by Randy Schiller. Call 777-0880 for more information.
- **Sing-Along:** with Frank Banks on the piano, Belden 22, 22 Belden Place, S.F., 6-8 p.m.
- **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.
- **The Official 100th Birthday Party:** a salute to Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and the best of Irving Berlin, Plush Room, Hotel York, 940 Sutter St., S.F., 8 and 10:30 p.m., \$12.50. Featuring Darlene Popovic, Sam Gray, James Matthew Campbell, the Jesters, Rusty Frank, and Richel Etterman.
- **Monument and Memorial:** exhibition and forum as part of the SoMARTS against AIDS benefit, New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St., S.F., 6-8 p.m. Participants (Rudy Lemke, Amalia Mesa-Bains, and Suzanne Lacy) will present drawings, photo documentation, and macquets for monuments both real and hypothetical and participate in a panel discussion with Jill Manton and Peter Pfau. Call 626-5416 for more information.
- **Roundabout:** annual campout with the club for chubbies, chasers, and bears, Battery Alexander section of the Marin headlands, through Aug. 20. Call 864-CHUB for more information.
- **Fraternal Order of Gays:** dinner at Peppino's. Meet at 1247 Polk St. at 7 p.m. for cocktails; dinner at 7:30 p.m. (order off the menu). Call 641-0999 for reservations.
- **Gay Basketball:** pickup games, 1525 Waller St., S.F., 6:30 p.m. Call 621-2710 for more information.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** fetish night, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 9 p.m. Call 621-1887 for more information.

SATURDAY 20

- **Ten Proud Years:** 10th anniversary concert of the S.F. Gay Men's Chorus, Davies Hall, S.F., 8 p.m., \$10-\$40. Golden Gate Performing Arts presents a benefit concert for the chorus and the Names Project, with a guest appearance by Weslia Whitfield. Tickets at BASS, Ticketmaster, Ticketron, or by calling 431-5400.
- **Jerker:** stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- **One Fool, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Dutch:** stage performance 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).
- **I'm Getting My Act Together and Taking It on the Road:** stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- **Cabaret Night With Viva: Scandals,** 162 Turk St., S.F., 9 p.m.
- **High-Energy Music:** dancing at the Endup, 401 6th St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m., \$4. With D.J. Mike Dianella.
- **Mark Levine:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.
- **Club Infra-Red:** dancing (see Friday listing for details).
- **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).
- **Wild Fire Band:** country/western music and dancing, Turf Club, 22517 Mission Blvd., Hayward, 9 p.m., no cover. Also Sunday at 6 p.m.
- **The Official 100th Birthday Party:** a salute to Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and the best of Irving Berlin (see Friday listing for details).



Hunter Davis celebrates the debut of her second album Aug. 21 at Great American Music Hall.
(Photo: I. Young)

- **Rosa Park's Baby and Huger Than Huger:** performance of Ellen Sebastian's work in progress and Hudson as part of the SoMARTS Against AIDS benefit, New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$10, or \$8 with a nonperishable donation for the S.F. AIDS Foundation Food Bank. Call 626-5416 for more information.
- **EastBay FrontRunners:** Strawberry Canyon run. From UC Berkeley campus, take Piedmont Avenue/Gayley Road to Stadium Rim Way. Go east (uphill) to North Canyon Road and continue uphill past the tennis courts, botanical garden, and the Lawrence Hall of Science. Take a sharp right to the Space Science Building parking lot. Mostly flat 3- to 4-mile loop. Call 939-3579 or 261-3246 for more information.
- **San Francisco Wrestling Club:** workout, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Call 538-8490 for more information.
- **Pool Tournament:** eight-ball, Overpass, 482-A Hayes St., S.F., 4 p.m., \$4 entry fee includes well drink, beer, or wine. S.F. Pool Association rules apply.
- **San Francisco FrontRunners:** fun run. Meet at 9 a.m. at the Stow Lake Boathouse in Golden Gate Park, S.F.; no-host brunch follows. Call 922-1435 or 821-3719 for more information.
- **Bay Area Brigade of the American Uniform Association:** Mountain View firemen's muster and uniform dinner. Call 969-0611 for more information.
- **Rainbow Deaf Society:** general meeting and potluck, S.F. Hearing Society, 20 Tenth St., S.F., 1-5 p.m.
- **Girth and Mirth Club:** annual swim party, Blackhawk, meeting 11 a.m., swimming, volleyball, and basketball at noon, potluck 3 p.m. Call 820-2597 or 334-5971 for more information.
- **S.F. AIDS Alternative Healing Project:** orientation meeting to introduce fall programs, 513 Valencia St., S.F. Call 558-9292 for more information.
- **Church of the Secret Gospel:** phallic fellowship, 746 Clementina St., Apt. 2, S.F., 10 p.m. Call 621-1887 for more information.
- **Game Night:** for persons living with AIDS/ARC and HIV+, Rest Stop Support Center, 134 Church St., S.F., 7 p.m., free. Call 621-REST for more information.

SUNDAY 21

- **Hunter Davis:** album release concert, Great American Music Hall, 859 O'Farrell St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$9. Davis celebrates the release of the second album, *Torn*, with Nina Gerber, Phil Aaberg, Teresa Trull, and Linda Tilley. Call 885-0750 for tickets.
- **Jerker:** stage performance, \$10 (see Friday listing for details).
- **One Fool, or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Dutch:** stage performance (see Friday listing for details).
- **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 7:30, 9:30, and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).
- **The Official 100th Birthday Party:** a salute to Tin Pan Alley, Broadway, and the best of Irving Berlin, 8 p.m., \$10 (see Friday listing for details).
- **Seth Montfort:** piano recital, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 3 p.m., \$4. Featuring the works of Chopin.
- **Blazing Redheads:** music, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 4-8 p.m., \$5.
- **Traci London:** music, the Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 5:30 p.m., \$5.
- **Solomon Rose and Morgen Aiken:** music, the Galleon, 718 14th St., S.F., 8 p.m., \$8.
- **Pimm's Cup:** dance contest, roving trivia contest, best British accent contest, and best queen imitation contest, the Hub, 1220 Pine St., Walnut Creek, 6:30-8 p.m. Prizes.

WEEK

• **Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **Jones Street Follies:** female impersonation, Black Rose, 335 Jones St., S.F., shows 10 and 11 p.m., \$2.

• **High-Energy Music:** dancing at the Endup, 401 6th St., S.F., 6 a.m.-2 a.m., no cover. With DJs Randy Tyler, Damion Johnson, and Mark Watkins.

• **Strip AIDS USA:** co-editors Trina Robbins and Robert Triptow debut the book of cartoons about AIDS to benefit Shanti Project. Personal appearances and book-signing by contributors Tim Barela, Guy Colwell, Robert Crabb, Donelan, Mario Hernandez, Steve Leialoha, Caryn Leschen, Paul Mavrides, Diane Noomin, Spain Rodriguez, S. Clay Wilson, and others. Different Light Books, 489 Castro St., 4:30-7:30 p.m.

• **San Francisco FrontRunners:** Fort Point loop. Meet at Fort Point (below the Golden Gate Bridge) at 10 a.m. for a five-mile flat loop along the waterfront to Marina Safeway. Call 922-1435 or 821-3719 for more information.

• **Volleyball in the Park:** sponsored by X-TA-C Ski Club, Golden Gate Park, S.F., 1-4 p.m., free. Bring a picnic; nets and equipment provided. Call 995-2736 for more information.

• **Tsunami Masters Swim Team:** practice, King Pool, 3rd and Carroll streets, S.F., 10 a.m. Call 285-5659 for more information.

• **Bay Area Gay Fathers:** newcomers' brunch and pool party, San Mateo, 11 a.m. Call 841-0306 for more information.

• **G40+:** meeting, First Unitarian Church, 1187 Franklin St., S.F., 2 p.m. Ray Frisby will present a mini series on Wagnerian operas, and Maury Loomis will show the film *Gays in Uniform*.

• **Fraternal Order of Gays:** day at Great America. Meet at the FOG House (304 Gold Mine Dr., S.F.) at 10 a.m. Return to S.F. by 6 p.m. Admission and transportation \$24. Call 641-0999 for reservations and more information.

• **Men's Clinic:** free and confidential VD testing and treatment; counseling and referrals for men with AIDS/ARC concerns, Gay Men's Health Collective, 2339 Durant Ave., Berkeley, 6-8 p.m. Call 644-0425 for more information.

• **Diablo Valley MCC:** worship service, 2253 Concord Blvd., Concord, 10 a.m. Call 827-2960 for more information.

• **Radiant Light Ministries:** service, Kabuki Theatre, 1881 Post St., S.F., 9 a.m. Call 861-1667 for more information.

MONDAY 22

• **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** support group for older gay men (60+), Operation Concern, 1853 Market St., S.F., 7-9 p.m. Call 626-7000 for more information.

• **S.F. Spikes:** soccer practice, West Sunset Soccer Fields, Sunset Blvd., Noriega and 39th streets, S.F., 6 p.m. Call 821-4248 for more information.

• **Country and Western Dance Lessons:** Turf Club, 22517 Mission Blvd., Hayward, 7:30-9:30 p.m., free. Also Tuesday and Thursday.



This week is your last chance to see Terry Baum's show at Theatre Rhino.

TUESDAY 23

• **Sup. Harry Britt:** will discuss domestic partners legislation, The Love That Dares Bookshop, 506 Castro St., S.F., 6 p.m. Call 552-5110 for more information.

• **Bob Sandner:** on the piano, D.J.'s, 1535 Olympic Blvd., Walnut Creek, 8:30 p.m. Call 930-0300 for more information.

• **Gay Men's Sketch Class:** erotic sketch night, 1229 Folsom St., S.F., 7-10 p.m., \$10 GMSC members, \$15 newcomers. Local bodybuilder and erotic performer Zoltan will do an evening of erotic poses. Bring own materials. Call 621-6294 for reservations and more information.

• **In the Spotlight:** show, B Street, 236 S. B St., San Mateo, 9:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. The bar provides musical backing tracks and words to all the songs, and you supply the voice to receive a free cassette recording of your performance.

• **Gus Gustavson:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **Estate Planning Seminar:** sponsored by Empire of America, 444 Castro St., S.F., 7:30 p.m., free. With Mortimer Hertzlein and Roger Meredith of the S.F. Bar Association. Call 861-3161 for reservations and more information.

• **Slightly Older Lesbians:** small-group discussion, Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7-9 p.m.

• **Excellence in Personal Health:** with Philip Crockford, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 6:45 p.m., by contribution. Sponsored by the Metaphysical Alliance. Call 431-8708 for more information.

WEDNESDAY 24

• **Marga Gomez, Shyama, Josh Kornbluth, and Marty Blecman:** comedy, El Rio, 3158 Mission St., S.F., 8-10 p.m., \$4 cover; one-drink minimum.

• **Female Trouble:** weekly rock music club for women, with D.J. Cathy Cohn, 1821 Haight St., S.F., 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Call 221-9008 for more information.

• **Boy Club:** dancing, I-Beam, 1748 Haight St., S.F. Call 668-6023 for more information.

• **Trocadero Transfer:** weekly dinner/dance, 520 4th St., S.F., dinner 6-9 p.m., \$5.95. Call 495-6620 for more information.

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** featuring female impersonators and cabaret guys, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **Dick Fregulia:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 25

• **Lesbian Sex Video Screening:** featuring Fatale's latest release, *Clips*, plus Ingrid Wilhite's *It's a Lezzie Life: A Dyke-U-Mentary*, New Langton Arts, 1246 Folsom St., S.F., showtimes 7, 8:30, and 10 p.m., \$5.

• **Puttin' on the Glitz:** with female impersonators and cabaret guys, 9:30 and 11:30 p.m. (see Friday listing for details).

• **Faith Winthrop and Gus Gustavson:** music, Piano Zinc, 708 14th St., S.F., 8:30 p.m.

• **Electric City:** television on Sacramento channel 35, 8 p.m. Featuring Renee Hicks, Ilse Kronreich, Romanovsky and Phillips, and a trip to the Ego Reduction Clinic.

• **Palo Alto Lesbian Rap Group:** meeting, Palo Alto YWCA, 7:30-9 p.m. This week's topic is "Lesbians and AIDS," with Michele Carstens. Call 969-1260 for more information.

• **Black and White Men Together:** rap, 1350 Waller St., S.F., 7:30-10 p.m. Call 931-BWMT for more information.

• **Gay and Lesbian Outreach to Elders:** meeting of the older gay men's friendship group (60+), Friendship Room, 711 Eddy St., S.F., 2:45 p.m. Call 626-7000 for more information.

• **A Healing Experience:** makeup specifically developed to cover Kaposi's sarcoma lesions will be featured, Vibrant Health Center, 2301 Market St., S.F., 11 a.m.-4 p.m., \$10 or sliding scale. Call 863-6369 for more information.

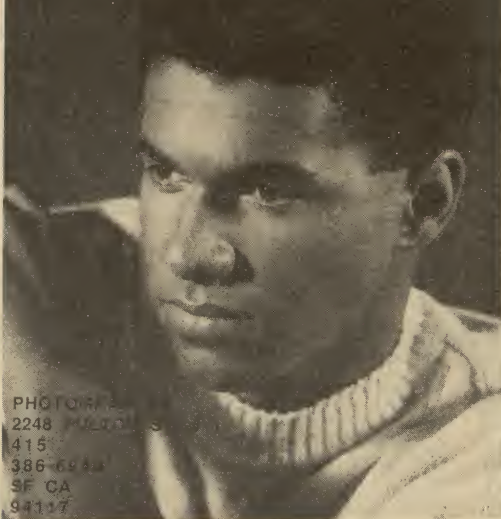
• **ACT UP:** meeting, San Francisco MCC, 150 Eureka St., S.F., 7:30 p.m. Call 821-9087 for more information.

• **Square Dance Class:** for beginners, Live Oak School, 117 Diamond St., S.F., 7-9 p.m. Sponsored by Foggy City Dancers. Call 339-0537 or 586-2748 for more information.

• **Men's Group:** meeting, Billy DeFrank Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 1040 Park Ave., San Jose, 7:30-9 p.m.

• **San Francisco FrontRunners:** run. Meet at McLaren Lodge in Golden Gate Park at 6:30 p.m. Call 922-1435 or 821-3719 for more information.

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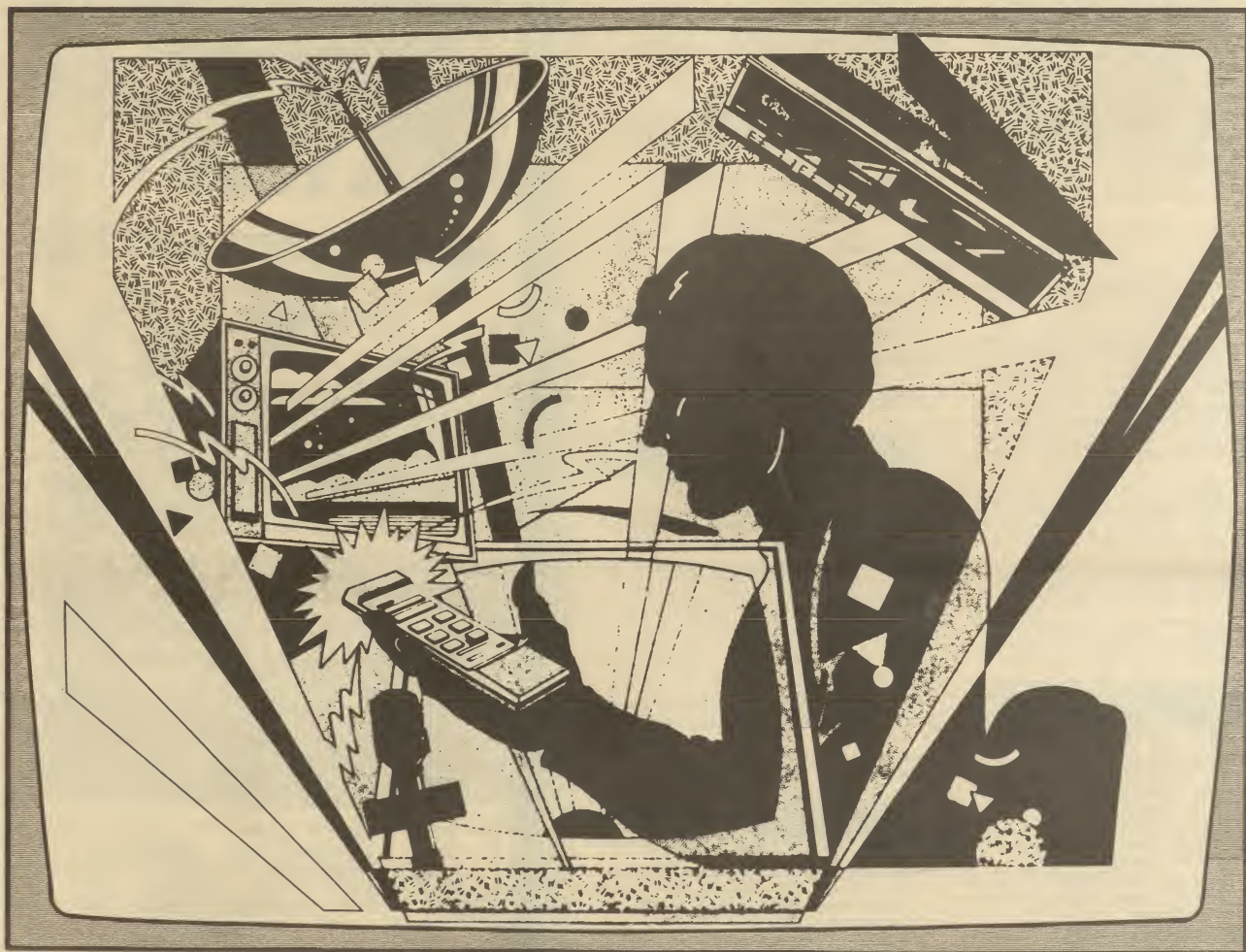
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Just Think of the Fun If We Took Over TV



by Dennis McMillan

The Writers' Guild strike has finally ended, and along with its finish comes the hope for new beginnings in programming after 22 weeks of tired reruns on TV. The new season preview has been delayed to mid-October, although there had been talk of possibly recycling old scripts in order to turn out new shows for the fall.

This writer, not a member of the guild, has a suggestion to expedite the process, saving TV situation comedy fans a fourth excruciating viewing of *Alf*, the adorable muppet alien getting amnesia again. Yawn.

Why not take old scripts from 1960s sitcoms and recycle them with gay themes and characters?

For instance, *The Beverly Hill Nellies* might begin with the theme song: "Come and listen to my story 'bout a man named Jed/ A poor mountain queer, barely kept his sisters fed/Then one day he was shootin' at some food/ When up through the ground came bubblin' lube/Grease, that is... Texas Crisco... slippery gold."

The all-new, all-gay *Gilligan's Island* could open with its title character saying, "Gosh, Skipper, it isn't so bad being marooned here. This way you can wear your uniform 24 hours a day, and no one will suspect your sailor drag fetish. Ouch! You didn't have to hit me with that coconut, Skipper, master, sir. Better cool it... here comes multimillionaire homophile Thurston Howell the Third."

Thurston interrupts, "Harrumph. Can you boys stop that tasteless S&M long enough to help me unpack all my silk polo shirts and suede 50ls? Oh, dear, I'm afraid my Louis Vitton suitcase has leaked and gotten water stains on my diamond-studded lame' jockstraps. Oh, Mary Ann, can you help me?"

"You think you've got troubles? Gilligan has stolen all my lingerie and dresses for a drag routine, and I haven't a thing to wear to the Natives of Sappho hutwarming and feminist potluck tonight!"

Reminiscent of the good ol' days when Reagan's attorney general wanted a pornography commission to dictate our tastes, the familiar jingle might be slightly altered to: "A horse is a horse, of course, of course/And no one can talk to a horse, of course/That is, of course, unless the horse/Is the famous Mr. Ed... Meese/People yakkity-yak a streak/And waste your time of day/But Mr. Ed will never speak/Unless he can censor away..."

Mr. Ed says, "Wil-burrrr, I promise not to chew up your porn magazines again if you'll just unlock this barn door."

Wilbur replies, "No, Mr. Ed Meese. People are tired of you censoring anything you think is erotic and could somehow lead to violence."

"But the last time I read one of your Honcho skin magazines, I got so worked up I kicked your lover right in the butt. If that isn't violence, what is?"

Wilbur replies, "For a politically minded horse, you sure

made an ass of yourself, Mr. Ed Meese."

Petticoat Junction would open with the Bea Benadaret character discovering Uncle Joe in the girls' closet. When she demands an explanation, the venerable old boy stomps his feet and cries, "You wear the train engineer uniform! It's my turn to wear the petticoat."

And think of the madcap scrapes Ricky Ricardo and sidekick, life companion Fred Mertz could get into on the *I Love Ricky* show.

Not to mention *The New Honymooners*, where Ralph Cramden and Ed Norton (the ultimate master/slave couple) become domestic partners. After lots of hilarious squabbling ("One of these days, Norton, bang... zoom... to the moon"), Ralph embraces Ed and coos, "Baby, you're the greatest."

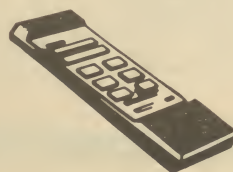
What about a revised *Andy Griffith Show* where Andy Taylor keeps throwing his lover, Barney Fife, into a jail cell, handcuffing him and

playing "the sheriff and the deputy" scenes? Meanwhile, Aunt Bea goes off with her Mayberry ladies' auxiliary and motorcycle club, gradually looking more like a combination of Eleanor Roosevelt and Gertrude Stein as the series progresses.

And just imagine the possibilities in the gay rewrite of *My Three Sons*. Most likely every one of us male viewers has had fantasies about Robby. Would you believe... Uncle Charlie?

Would you believe a gay Maxwell Smart in *Get Tasteful*, with the Chief as his lover/master/interior decorator? The couple occasionally gets together with Agent 69, and... well, you get the idea.

Now that's entertainment! •



Gay Men's Chorus to Celebrate 10 Years of Music Making

by Philip Campbell

It hardly seems possible, but the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus is ten years old! On the other hand, as good-will ambassadors and a shining example of community pride, it would be difficult to imagine city life without them. It has been an incredible decade, and the chorus has been with us every step of the way, from the carefree party days through Anita Bryant and now, perhaps most importantly, in the time of our greatest crisis.

Saturday, Aug. 20, at 8 p.m. in Louise M. Davies Symphony Hall, the chorus will celebrate its landmark anniversary with a gala concert to benefit the Names Project. Special guest artist Weslia Whitfield, local cabaret favorite and frequent performance associate, will join the 100-voice aggregation, along with popular subgroups Men About Town and the Chamber Singers, for an evening devoted to musical memories of songs which, over the years, have become closely associated with the chorus.

Musical Director Gregg Tallman promises plenty of surprises, including selection from *Faust* and *The Flying Dutchman*, as well as a trip *Into the Woods* with Stephen Sondheim's latest Broadway musical.

Continuing its tradition of artistic growth and risk-taking, the chorus will appear this season in the San Francisco Opera productions of *Parsifal* and *The Flying Dutchman*. That's remarkable, but hardly surprising for a group that has cut its teeth on performances with such legendary stars as Barbara Cook and Charles Pierce.

Half of all the net proceeds from ticket sales to the gala will be donated to the Names Project, helping to fund transportation of the awesome 10,000-panel quilt to Washington, D.C., for display on the Capitol Mall Oct. 7-10.

Rhino Taps Bahara For Finance Director Role

Blaise Bahara has been appointed to the position of finance director with Theatre Rhinoceros, succeeding Michael Zimmerman, who served four years and retired to pursue playwriting. Bahara is the first woman to hold the finance director position with the theater and reflects the theater's continuing expansion in the women's community: The current Theatre Rhinoceros staff of seven includes three women in full-time, key positions.

Bahara has worked with Theatre Rhinoceros for 2½ years as the front-of-house director. She comes to her new position with more than seven years experience in theater administration, including work with the Missouri Repertory and the Berkeley Repertory Theatre.

Her financial goals for the theater are concise. "We always hope to keep subscription and single ticket prices as low as possible," she said, "maintaining the theater as one of the highest quality and most economical theatrical options in San Francisco."



The S.F. Gay Men's Chorus celebrates its tenth anniversary Aug. 20 at Davies Hall.

Weslia Whitfield will join the SFGMC at Davies Hall Aug. 20

In an unfortunate conflict of timing, the newly formed Golden Gate Men's Chorus, formerly the Dick Kramer Gay Men's Chorus, is also performing the night of the 20th at Metropolitan Community Church. That concert will be performed one other time, however: on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 2 p.m. in Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Blvd.

For the amount and quality of theater we produce, our operating budget is very low, and our artists' and administrative salaries often suffer. I hope to increase this budget through increased granting and contributions. And given the financial instability of the arts in general, the entire board and staff of the theater maintain a commitment to operating within budget."

Rhino to Stage Show to Benefit 'Jerker' Director

Theatre Rhinoceros announced a special benefit performance of the hit play *Jerker* on Sunday, Aug. 21, at 3 p.m. to assist the play's director, Joe Cappelletta, a person with AIDS, with his daily expenses. Tickets to the benefit are \$12 and may be reserved by calling the Theatre Rhinoceros box office at 861-5079.



Of course, we all wish the new organization a bright beginning, but for those of us who cherish the decade of love and tears and laughter shared with the San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, it would be unthinkable to miss the special party. Tickets, priced from \$10 to \$40, are available at the Davies Hall box office, as well

as BASS/Ticketmaster and Ticketron outlets, or by calling 431-5400.

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Another Ride on Tennessee Williams' 'Streetcar'

by Ron Larsen

The Stanford Actors Project is a promising new theater company at Stanford University, composed of talented students as well as seasoned professionals. For its premiere production, it is currently presenting *A Streetcar Named Desire*, Tennessee Williams' Pulitzer Prize-winning play about the classic confrontation between the primitive, animalistic Stanley Kowalski and his tragic, neurosis-ridden sister-in-law, Blanche DuBois.

Fasten your seatbelts, because this fast-paced production pulls out all the stops in delivering another bumpy, gut-wrenching ride aboard Williams' *Streetcar*. It is hard not to compare this production with the highly acclaimed Vivien Leigh/Marlon Brando film adaptation or the more recent, much-praised television version with Ann-Margret and Treat Williams. But suffice it to say that, while Stanford's rendition of the play lacks the star power or cinematic fluidity and gloss of its predecessors, it more than adequately holds its own when judged on its own merits.

Reid Edelman's direction is crisp and insightful throughout, and the impressionistic set by Dunsai Dai, a stage designer from China, is simple but effective in capturing the claustrophobia of a grim, two-room tenement in New Orleans. Some of the scene changes are handled awkwardly, with prop people stumbling around a darkened stage in full



Cliff Mayotte as Stanley Kowalski and Any Jackson as Blanche DuBois clash in the Tennessee Williams classic, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, produced by The Stanford Actors Project.

(Photo: V. Hexter)

view of the audience, but this is a minor distraction.

The acting is excellent, for the most part, although one of the supporting players is miscast. As the desperate, world-weary

Blanche, ACT alumna Amy Jackson does an admirable job of walking an emotional tightrope, teetering between childlike wistfulness and convulsive hysteria. Cliff Mayotte's Stanley is a com-

manding presence—crude, explosive, menacing—and student actress Shannon Jackson gives a sensitive, well-modulated performance as Stella Kowalski, who is torn between her passionate love of Stanley and her sisterly devotion to Blanche. Regrettably, Jay Holland is miscast in the role of Mitch, Blanche's love interest and would-be rescuer. The baby-faced actor looks young enough to be Blanche's son (some deftly applied makeup would help), and his transformation from a sweet and adoring suitor to a bitter and derisive adversary is wholly unbelievable.

The play is definitely the thing, and *Streetcar* remains as compelling now as it was in 1947, when it was first performed. Illusion vs. reality, survival of the fittest, the battle of the sexes and the classes—all these themes and more are explored by Williams, as a faded southern belle fleeing her past steps off a New Orleans streetcar named "Desire" and arrives at her sister's doorstep, only to come face-to-face with her executioner.

Homosexuality figures prominently in many of Williams' plays, and certainly Blanche is a complex, multifaceted character a great many gays can relate to or at least understand. At once provocative and controversial, poignant and pathetic, she is part sinner and part saint; a neurotic woman with a checkered past who seeks escape in booze, sex, and fantasy; a faded beauty who lies about her age and who thrives on

flattery, however false; a battered survivor who has dealt with pain and death, having made the "long progression to the grave"; a tormented soul racked by regrets and recriminations, who believes that "deliberate cruelty is the only unforgivable thing"; and, finally, a desperate victim who longs to be rescued by a knight in shining armor, but who, instead, is brutalized by a savage foe.

In the end, there is no escape for Blanche but insanity, and even then she retains her childlike faith in "the kindness of strangers." Would that things could have turned out differently for her...

The play was poorly attended on the night I saw it, with less than half of the Little Theatre's seats filled. Most unfortunate, because this production is deserving of greater exposure and support. If you're anywhere near Stanford or have a way of getting there, give this *Streetcar* a chance and hop aboard for a ride you won't soon forget.

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Chuck Waltz

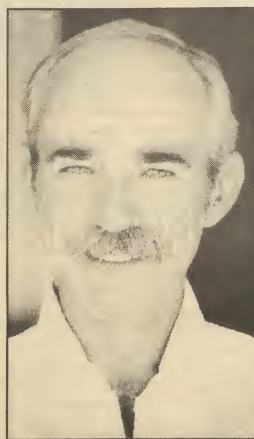
Feb. 1, 1930–Aug. 5, 1988

Chuck moved on to the next level of life on Friday morning, Aug. 5, 1988 at 10:30 a.m. At his side were his loving sister Jean Swanson and his very special friend of 20 years Dick Eckert. Chuck had been ill for the past two years with liver disease and contracted a bacterial pneumonia which his body was too tired to fight, so he chose to leave this life and join the many friends who have gone before him.

Chuck is best remembered for the many contributions of his talents to the San Francisco gay theater. Chuck appeared as a singer and leading man in many of the early Sirlebrity Capades and all-male productions of the late '60s and early '70s. Some of his credits include *Once Upon A Mattress*, *Wonderful Town*, *Light Up the Sky*, *Mame* (1972), and *Plaza Suite*, for which he won the Golden Award for Best Actor of the Year in 1973.

Chuck moved to Guerneville in the late '70s and then on to Los Angeles for 11 years. He had just moved back to his beloved San Francisco in May of this year and was working backstage with *Puttin' On the Glitz* at Sutter's Mill. He loved being around theater people and the music and lights. His twinkling blue eyes and warm sense of humor will be greatly missed by all of those who loved him.

He is survived by his mother of Altoona, Pa., and his sister Jean, loving nieces Bonnie and Cheri, and nephew Michael; as well as dear friends Jack (Nancy), Dick



(Faye), Pat Campano, John Romero, Rich Cook, Nadine, Maryellen, and many others.

His ashes were scattered in the rose garden of the Santa Rosa Cemetery, as Chuck also loved animals and plants and had the ability to make plants respond and grow and blossom with his gentle touch. A celebration of Chuck's life will be held in early September. For information, call Dick Eckert at 826-1591.

Chuckie, I'll miss picking on you and vice versa, and the love we shared. We will all meet again, but until then I'll listen for your voice on the wind and watch for your face in the clouds. Rest well. Love always, D.

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Is Silva a Brazilian-Hawaiian Rick Astley?

'Starfire' Evokes Glowing Embers

by Robert Frank

The dark-wooded Plush Room of the Hotel York in San Francisco was brightened up on Monday night, Aug. 8, by the flashy performance of engaging, energetic entertainer Michael Silva in his *Starfire* concert, a one-time shot that may possibly be repeated sometime next month.

It was an evening of warmth, a good feeling of glowing embers, rather than blazing "starfire." That is not a putdown by any means. The title is perhaps a bit of a misnomer. The evening is still a treat, thanks to the talent of Silva, plus his two backup singers Dann Foster and Cheryl Claiborne, pianist Gary Rowe, and lighting and sound designer and stage manager Leland Albert.

Silva stoked the embers from the very beginning with his mellow, caressing voice on the first two songs, "You Stepped Out of a Dream" and "Bridges." Sometimes his voice was reminiscent of the great Billy Eckstine. His normal-level singing voice is as good as any good, young American pop singer (and better than some), but it really commands more of one's attention when it goes into a deeper, almost growling, but still mellow, rolling kind of voice. Where does this slender, not very tall, boyish-looking young man get that deep, mature voice? The makings of a Brazilian-Hawaiian Rick Astley?

In keeping with his support and promotional work for homeless youth and victims of child abuse, Silva moved his audience with a poignant, original song titled "Benjamin Had," about the loneliness of a "street boy" in his 20s who had "no one to cook for, to look for, to cuddle up to" when he returned to his room.

Silva, who had spent some of his teen years in Kansas, paid "tribute to my country roots" with Patsy Cline's "Crazy" and a plunkin' ditty, "All My Ex's Live in Texas"—following that, right out of left field, with a comic shtick as a Jewish mother called "Tessie." Silva isn't convincing either as a Jewish mother or Patsy Cline. He was much more at home with and better at relaying the comic story of "Bogota Colon," who wanted to learn English and act out "Shakespeare."

Silva also paid tribute to his late friend, actor Barry Robins, who had an important role in the Stanley Kramer film *Bless the Beasts and Children*, with his caressing rendition of that title song.

Most of the first half of this eclectic program was semi-serious, maybe moderately heavy, while still warm and engaging, but it definitely livened up when Silva and Claiborne gave us a rousing medley of "Sweet Inspiration" and "Where You Lead." Less effective was their version of "The Time of My Life," the Oscar-winning rouser from *Dirty Dancing*. It's a difficult song to sing, and Michael is living proof of that.

Claiborne was more consistently "with it," having the time

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of her life and saving the opening number of the second half of the show. She and Silva and Foster struck sparks again later with "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."

The second half of the show had more fire, with some real sparks, but also a few sputters. Silva's serious rendition of Gershwin's "Summertime" was beautifully done, but the descent into Hispanic camp ("an' de libbin' is issy") didn't work to anyone's benefit. Certain notes in "You'll Never Walk Alone" proved unattainable—Silva seemed exhausted at this point.

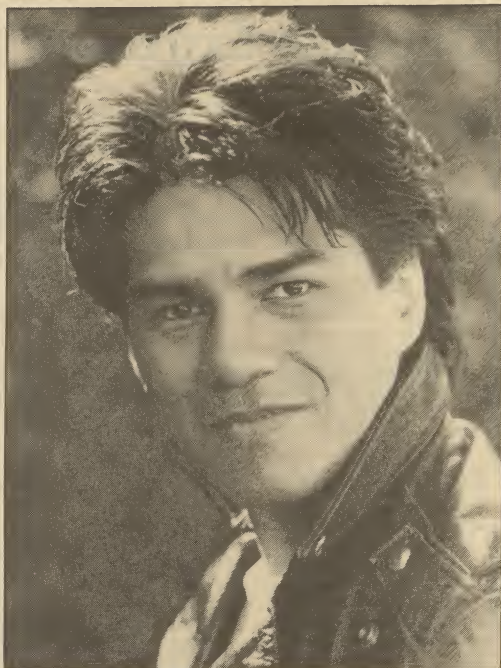
But hats off to Silva for other, more successful achievements, such as his original and unorthodox rendition of Irving Berlin's "God Bless America," in a class with Jose Feliciano's controversial rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," originally done at the 1968 World Series in Detroit.

And hats must also come off for Foster's compelling, riveting rendition of Duke Ellington's "In My Solitude," a song long associated with Billie Holiday. He seemed to be in a reverie, this exotic, young Peter Lorre look-alike.

One criticism: Silva should have talked more to the audience, at least to give some sense of connection to the songs and the comedy. It was evident he had the love and warm support of the audience, but it still would have been friendlier and closer to have talked, rapped, or bantered between songs.

But that criticism doesn't take away from the fact that *Starfire* is a fine show.

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All too often, the lure of an expensive production filled with lots of scenery, costumes, and noise deludes theatergoers into believing that bigger is automatically better. Massive spectacles like *Aida*, *Phantom of the Opera*, *Carmen*, *Cats*, and *Starlight Express* are guaranteed to sell tickets simply because the audience feels that it is getting more for its money. Unfortunately, the extra variables which accompany these large productions often mean that many more things can and do go wrong. The results usually compromise the evening's artistic integrity.

I recently witnessed two productions which perfectly illustrated this problem. One was a preview of a new multimillion-dollar musical which, to its backers, must have seemed like a sure sell to British theater parties. The other was a production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* that was being conducted and directed by the same person in a tiny theater in Indianola, Iowa.

As I flew across the Atlantic, my hopes ran high for the new West End musical. I also suspected that the quality of opera I would soon find in one of the more remote pockets of the Midwest (like many other things affected by this year's ominous drought) might be less than magnificent. Was I ever in for a big surprise!

SING FOR YOUR SHAVE

For several years, I've wanted to visit the Des Moines Metro Opera, which performs in the 480-seat Blank Performing Arts Center on the campus of Simpson College in Indianola, Iowa. Friends who had sung there raved about the experience, and, as far as I can tell, any opera house which serves hot popcorn in its lobby has to have something special going for it.

Although there isn't much to do in Indianola during the day (and the odor of fertilizer and fresh skunk waft across the highway at night), the intimacy of

DMMO's productions, which take place in a theater about half the size of the auditorium in which Opera Theatre of St. Louis performs, is the company's strongest selling point. Especially since DMMO performs all of its operas in English.

In many ways, the DMMO experience is like having opera performed in your lap. Two ramps lead from the main stage down and around the orchestra pit to a sizable and very flexible fore-stage. The sound in the hall is quite spectacular, and, with the audience seated arena-style in a semi-circle bank that surrounds the performing area, this theater is an absolute gem.

As conducted and directed by Robert Larsen (whose staging only fell short during the ensemble at the end of Act II), DMMO's production of *The Barber of Seville* was most impressive. Singing the first Rosina of her career, soprano Evelyn de la Rosa romped around the tiny stage with a great deal of comedic skill while making the most of the mu-



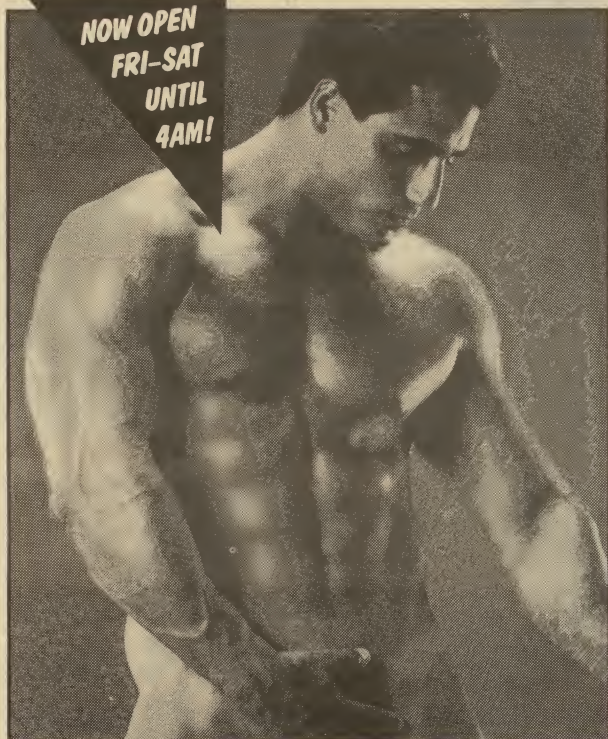
Kimm Julian's Figaro, Charles Abruzzo's Count Almaviva, and Evelyn de la Rosa's Rosina all conspired to outwit Dr. Bartolo in the Des Moines Metro Opera's production of Rossini's *The Barber of Seville*.

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sical ornamentations written for her in this production. William Walker's Don Bartolo was an extremely well-sung and cleanly articulated comic gem.

Although he was not always on solid vocal ground, Kimm Julian's likable Figaro earned the audience's favor with the handsome baritone's resemblance to an operatic cross between Burt Reynolds and Tom Selleck. Gerard Edery appeared as the snooping Don Basilio, while Indianola's veteran mezzo-soprano Anne Larson scored strongly as the maid, Berta.

Although he lent a strong comedic presence to the production, Charles Abruzzo's performance as Count Almaviva was hampered by his extreme nasality. When confronted with the murderous demands of Angelina's big aria, "Non Piu Mesta," from the final act of *La Cenerentola* (this Rossini aria was inserted as a show-piece for the tenor's coloratura skills), Abruzzo was clearly in over his head. Nevertheless, I found DMMO's production of *The Barber of Seville* to be a most enjoyable and incredibly encouraging evening of opera theater which reflected an artistic standard and sense of performance integrity far above the norm.

My initial experience in Iowa reaffirmed a suspicion that some of the best work being done by America's opera community can now be found in places like Chicago, St. Paul, Indianola, St. Louis, and Houston—cities which lie smack in the center of the nation's heartland. But don't just take my word for it. Go see for yourself.

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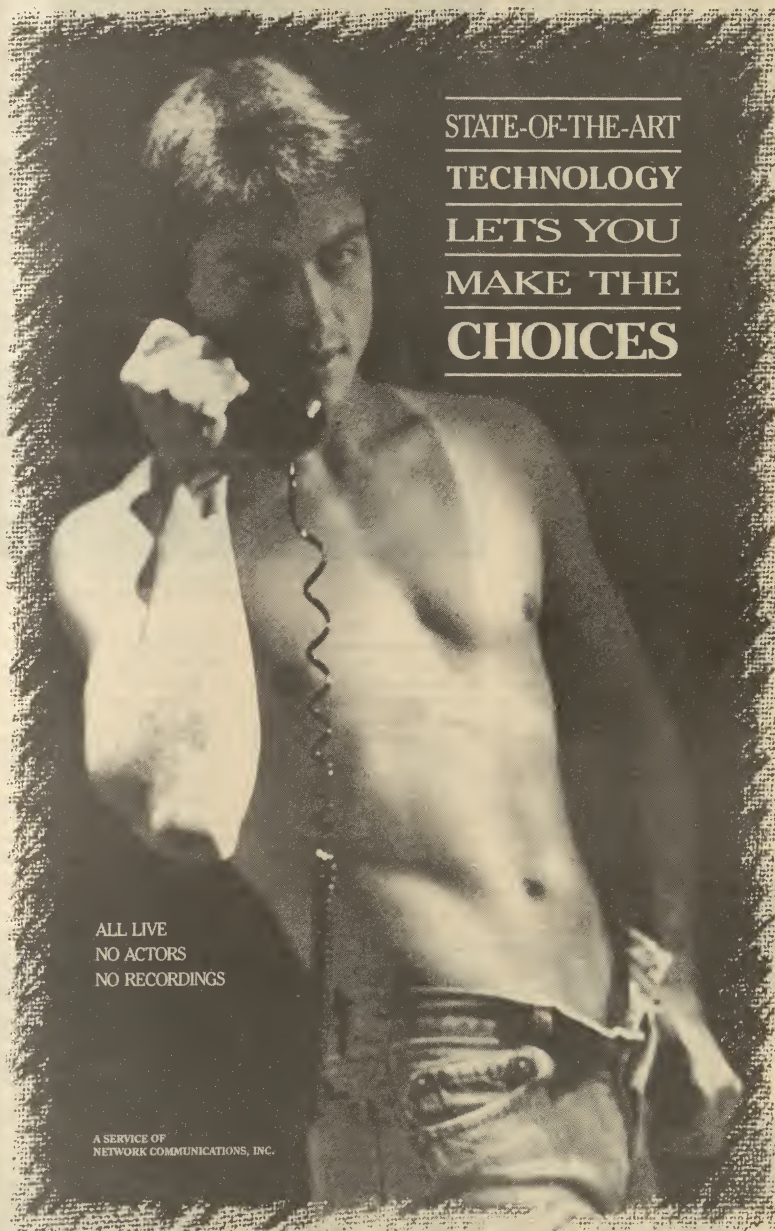
How does one compare a small gem like Indianola's production of *The Barber of Seville* with an absolutely monstrous turkey like *Winnie*? I suppose it's best to start off by confessing that, when I first heard that there would be a new musical staged by Albert (Man of La Mancha) Marre celebrating Winston Churchill's life, I thought the show had a distinctly perverse appeal to British audiences.

The sad reality of this ill-conceived venture (which was written, produced, and whose songs

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Judging from the lineup of things headed your way, all of the foregoing suggestions should be taken seriously. Except for last Sunday's dimly overcast sky (with the 49ers losing to Denver, to boot), there was a good turnout for everything on the schedule. Money was raised; egos strengthened, the emperor and empress celebrated their birthdays in a joint celebration at the Mint; the GDI's beer bust was packed to the rafters; old scores were settled (well, almost all); and life moved through the dismal haze.

Last Thursday night, eight of the 13 Bare Chest Contest winners wound up at the S.F. Eagle to compete for the cover of the forthcoming 1989 calendar. Judges Jason Ladd (Leather Daddy), Jim Kahl (Mr. No. Calif. Drummer), James Buhler (Mr. CMC Carnival), Michael Chase, and Mickey Brooks had a tough job on their hands, judging who should be on the cover. The contestants got 10 percent of their total scores added to the judges' scores by soliciting donations for the AIDS Emergency Fund.

In the end, Peter Austin (Mr. December '89) managed to get the bucks that pushed him over the top. When the calendar comes out on Oct. 15, they'll all be there to autograph it and be auctioned off for dinner dates with you! Stay tuned. And, oh yeah, \$560.24 was raised for the AIDS Emergency Fund by the eight candidates for the cover. Great!

Saturday night, Aug. 13, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights managed to attract almost 400 people to their Casino Night in the East Bay. No one got tossed in the pool, and the 25 slot machines were exhausted by the night's end. Everyone raved about the food, entertainment,



Peter Austin (Mr. December) thanks judge Michael Chase after being chosen to grace the cover of the Bare Chest calendar

(Photo: Scott Martin)

and the ambience, so thousands were raised. There were disco parties, movies, plays, and private parties all over the place (too many to mention here). Sunday, the Sombazaar was full of people, and the GDI's run around town culminated with the beer bust at the S.F. Eagle. (Another mob!)

The sad note over the weekend came when it was learned that one of South of Market's most endearing leather men had passed away in his native Chicago at noon. Herbert "Herbella" Heron was visiting home on a vaca-

tion when he was admitted to Michael Reese Hospital last Tuesday, Aug. 9. He passed away at noon on Saturday, Aug. 13. Almost everyone he knew had talked to him the day he left here, so the shock was intense when the word got around of his passing.

Herb was one of the most-liked dudes in the community. His move to San Francisco was preceded by the reputation of fabulous parties he hosted in the Windy City; the legend continued as he became known and admired here. But Herbert was



Nine of the 13 Bare Chest contest winners competed for the Cover Man position

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Jo Leroux (l.) and Dean Ryane were elected Ms and Mr. Vancouver Leather II recently
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more than a party dude. His deep interest in the community and his monetary and voluntary support were not well-known—he wanted it that way. He gave generously and helped finance some of the most successful fundraisers produced South of Market. He was thoughtful, insightful, caring, and loving; he spent hours in hospitals, comforting his ailing friends. He never forgot birthdays, and more importantly, he never forgot to say “thanks” for courtesies extended. The leather community is left with fond and loving memories of a man who was as comfortable on Nob Hill as he was South of Market. God, we’ll miss you, Herb. Where you are now, I know a lot of your brothers are with you. Rest in peace.

Here’s something that might interest a lot of you. Walt Nolte has found it necessary to move away from S.F., and he has tons of Robert Uyvari paintings, sketches, posters, and other designs for sale which, as art lovers of the leather lifestyle, you’ll all want. There are also watercolors, and many are signed and numbered. If you’re interested in obtaining

some, call Walt at 864-7241 for an appointment or showing.

The coming weeks are filled with fun things to do. Things you can enjoy and do a good turn by raising needed funds, as well. They call it painless. For openers: My Place is celebrating its first anniversary tomorrow night, 19 Aug., starting around 1930 hours. There’ll be some prizes, as well as the usual champagne and cake. Say “hi” to C.B. and Norman for me!

Friday night, too, another benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund—it’s Tattoo Fetish Night and a beer bust at the S.F. Eagle (\$6), beginning at 2030 hours. There’ll be a 40-minute tattoo video, a parade of tattooed “hunks,” and a live demo by Mad Dog Tattoo. You will not want to miss this party!

Saturday, 20 Aug., the S.F. Eagle softball team throws it up for grabs with its second annual “Event ‘88” (this year), with a street fair on 12th between Folsom and Harrison and that big parking lot across the street from the Eagle. Steve Tonasco, who’s running the whole thing, tells me there’ll be two stages (one on the street, and one in the Eagle patio)

with continuous entertainment provided, beginning at 1300 hours.

Just some of the entertainment is E.C. Scott & Co., Rawhide Saddletramps, Bay Area Cloggers, rock band Eloy, Danny Williams, and Renee Hicks. It’s a benefit for the Godfather Service Fund, AIDS Emergency Fund, and the GSL Fund for PWAs. There’ll be food, drink, games, and lots of cruising. After you do your laundry and chores, drop by. The action goes until 1800.

If you have a chance, you might want to visit Macy’s (hi, Stephan, where’s my video?) to meet Mr. America and Mr. Uni-

verse Scott Wilson and Cathey Palyo, Ms. America, Ms. Universe, and Ms. California. They’re both bodybuilders and will be in the Reebok Shop on four at Macy’s West Store from 1130 to 1230. Sounds bulgingly delicious.

The Constantines are off on the “Babes in Toyland” weekend run. If you didn’t get your application mailed and want to crash the gate, it’ll cost you \$90 for all the usual accommodations.

Saturday night, Dowager Empress Sable will be feted at the San Franciscan Hotel, a benefit for the AIDS Emergency Fund. A person who worked hard before, during, and after her reign,

Sable is most deserving of this tribute. Ducats are only \$25, and the ceremony begins at 1930 hours.

Since Lola Lust got burned out of house and home last week, there’ll be a benefit at the Mother Lode on Friday, 26 Aug., at 2000, with a show and raffle. Lola was Grand Duchess XIV, so let’s show some support for her.

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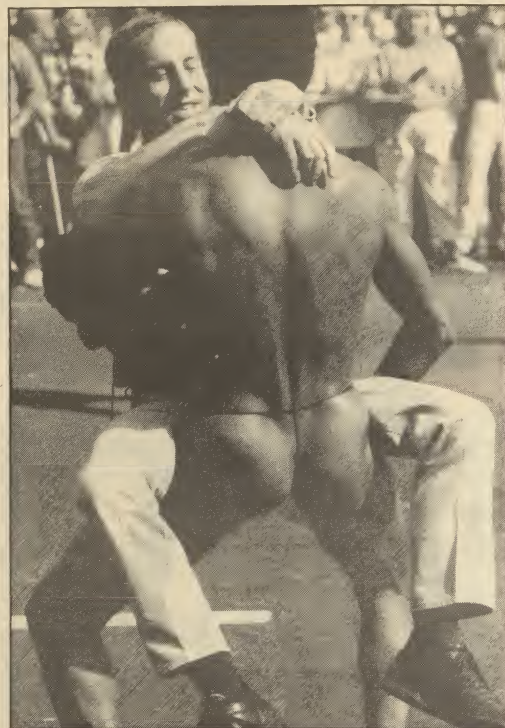
Club, Janus, Outcasts, and the 15 Association, and they'll be discussing important issues for the leather S/M community in helping SSCA formulate goals. You owe it to yourself, as well as to San Francisco Bay Area leather people, to help with your input into this new national organization. If you have any questions regarding this one-day conference, call 931-4484 evenings, Monday through Thursday.

Saturday, Aug. 27, Club Mud will have its last party of the year up at the RushRiv area. They'll have the Tug-O-War, Wet T-Shirt Contest, Mud Wrestling, Auto Tire Scramble, New Levi Shrink Contest, Horse and Rider, and T-Shirt Rip Contest. Located at the base of giant redwoods, with shower facilities and "come what may" (sponsors not responsible for irresponsible sex maniacs), you should inquire by writing to P.O. Box 277, Rio Nido, CA 95471, or call Brother Duke at (707) 869-0546.

Saturday night, Aug. 27, is the Closet Ball Too at the Giftcenter Pavilion, and this year will be a sellout. (Hasn't it always been a sellout?) If you don't have your tickets, you'd better get busy. Call 771-5023. It may already be too late to enter the competition.

The S.F. Bondage Club is holding its monthly party with the Knights Templar for an AIDS charity on Saturday, July 30, at SM House, with the doors opening from 2100 until 2300. The party ends at 0230 Sunday morning, and it'll cost you \$10 (plus BYOB and toys). If you don't know where SM House is located, hang around the Watering Hole—someone there can direct you.

Sunday, Aug. 28, it's the first annual BowWow Beauty Pageant. Contrary to my mention last week, Tim Curry will not—repeat, not—appear as a judge. Cheryl Crane will join Dick Ferris and Sylvester as judges (to name a few), and tickets are available for \$15 to \$50 at Headlines, G.W. Finley, A.A. Boy, and N.Y. Man. It takes place at the Castro Theatre and benefits PAWs, so hurry and get your tickets—it will be a sellout!



Dancing to City Swing at the Dore Alley Fair. (Photo: Scott Martin)

If all this is not enough, head on to Le Salon and buy/rent their hot new release: *Crossfire*. Another great one from Panther Productions, Le Salon is first out, and it's a film by Jim West. Ted Truman hangs from a telephone pole while observing Butch Taylor (hot!), Nick Cougar, and Todd Dempsey go through their calisthenics. Hot new Palm Drive Video discovery Keith Ardent gets it on with other than himself in this one. Le Salon calls it their best so far this year, and I'm inclined to believe them! Check this one out.

Incidentally, Le Salon has donated ten of their latest VHS releases, to be auctioned off at the Leather Daddy's Boy Contest on Sunday, Sept. 4, and the Eagle. I'll be auctioning them off, so be there! By the time this issue of B.A.R. hits the cigarette stands, the applications to enter the com-

petition will be available from any bartender at the Eagle, so if you want to enter, now's the time to do it! Who will be Leather Daddy's Boy VI? Time will tell!

Walt Killeen, who got the Campus Theatre going back in the early days of that movie den, has taken over Nicodemus' A Taste of Leather on 6th and Folsom, and they have big plans to outreach to leatherbuyers. Tony Lenardi, formerly of Chicago, too, and one of the "stars" at the Polk Gulch, is filtering a lot of his ideas into the place, not to mention Greg Filips! And speaking of bar stars, Robert Church formally announces his reunion with the staff as an employee again at the Polk Gulch, starting 1 Sept. '88 at 1900 hours with a reunion party, something you all should attend!

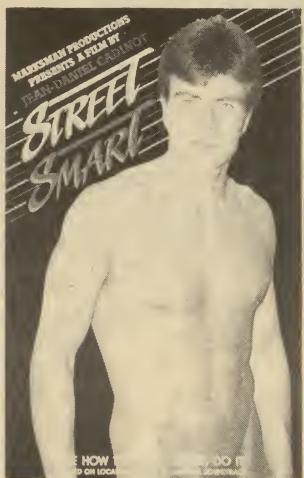
What's this I hear about a sex palace opening on 10th Street any day now? I only heard about it, with denials all around, but the Shadow knows! It'll be "private" and "secret," of course, but you know what happens when you tell a queen a secret!

Those new "head-of-your-dick" rubbers, Stubs, are selling like crazy at Mr. S and Mercury Mail Order. Alan Selby and Pat Batt can't keep them in stock longer than three days at a time. At 25 cents a pop, people are buying them by the gross, and the two shops are ordering them by the mega-gross! By the time you read this, they'll be in stock—but not for long!

Speaking of plugs, the Cove, formerly the Norse Cove on Castro, is all-new, polished, remodeled, and thriving. The local dudes are calling it the S&M Cafe because Samantha and Mordechai are the owners! The former cafeteria-style place now has waiters and waitresses—especially Will, the five-year veteran there. The Cove is definitely an "in" place in the Castro.

Speaking of leather, the leather dudes were in an absolute swoon last week when 49ers owner Eddie De Bartolo's new office facility was described as having—are you ready?—leather floors! This I'd expect to see in Rick Booth's pad, but De Bartolo? Hmmmmmm!

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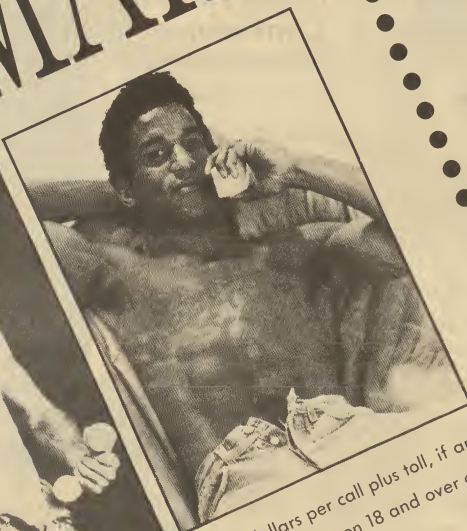
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Tonight, Thursday, from 7:30 till 9:30 at Uncle Bert's Place at 18th and Castro, there will be an auction to benefit a community friend, Mr. Steve Cook. So come on out and join in the fun to help a great guy who has done much in the past for others.

This Saturday, the 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at the San Franciscan Hotel, there will be an AIDS benefit and a tribute to "Sable with Love." Don't miss this great event. Yes, I'll be there with the rest of the people to help say "thank you" to Sable.

Mike Dooley of the White Swallow, was it fun going to lunch



Leilani, Ms California Continental 1988

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with Richard of The Gate and seeing your best friend Kathy?

Incidentally, the White Swallow's Annual Oktoberfest is coming up

the 14th, 15th, and 16th of October, so keep those days open be-

cause it is always a wonderful time with lots of surprises, food, and gifts.

Thank you Kimo's Russell for the nice gesture the other evening. We enjoyed it.

Well well, it seems as if Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Klink are going to Can Cun in late October.

Jay (Ethyl) Noonan is now the manager of the Grubstake on Pine and Polk and has added some new and delicious items to the menu. Remember, you can eat at the Grubstake all day and night.

Splatter's is now open at 571 Mission St. between First and Second, and you should see this new and wonderful place. You did a great job, Harry Azevedo, and I want you to treat your Sex Kitten a little nicer.

Thank you Tommi of Tad's Steak House for the goodies.

Thursday the 1st of September is Jeri Ford's birthday, but no one, not even Johnny Tom, will tell me his age. How loyal.

The Saint made it to the Mint for "Boy's Night Out" in full cowboy regalia. He did do it up right as you requested, didn't he Mark Freise? Incidentally, these night outs are a lot of fun.

Charpe's Grill is now open on Gough Street for luncheon and dinner, and you'll find Jim Doan on the planks for lunch Monday and Tuesday and dinner Wednesday through Friday. The food is terrific.

Dolly Dale has been at the Polk Gulch Saloon for six years now. Tommy and Jesse have been saints to have put up with her that long. Your job lasts longer than your love affairs, Dolly.

Phoebe Planters and the Mother Lode bar at Larkin and Post will host a fire recovery benefit for Grand Duchess 14 Ms. Lola Lust. Lola was injured when her apartment was burned out, and a \$3 donation is requested. There will be a show, food, and a raffle. Be there one and all.

San Francisco's most popular gay theater, the Circle J, is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. 'til midnight. It is located at 369 Ellis St., so give it a try.

Thank you Fred and Rodney for the great enlargements. Great work.

Just a hi to Kevin of the Wooden Horse from all of us.

Jim Spillman bought a new motorcycle with extra-duty shocks so Bette Bonko can buddy ride.

Happy belated birthday greetings to Rodney, organist supreme at the Four Duces. You are great, Rodney.

Ginger's Too on beautiful downtown Sixth Street has a new chef, Ray Montez, formerly of Sefi's on 16th Street. He does fabulous soups, among other items, so give him a try.

Who is Champagne Jack's new love, Jackie?

And a thank you to the great Lou Greene for the new Lips stamp. Nice to see Cora still with you, Lou.

Art York and Natasha enjoyed themselves immensely in Sacramento, to the point of getting a severe sunburn. Natasha is a candidate for Grand Duchess of Sacramento. Art York had to take two days off from work to recover. I don't know if it was from the sunburn or Natasha.

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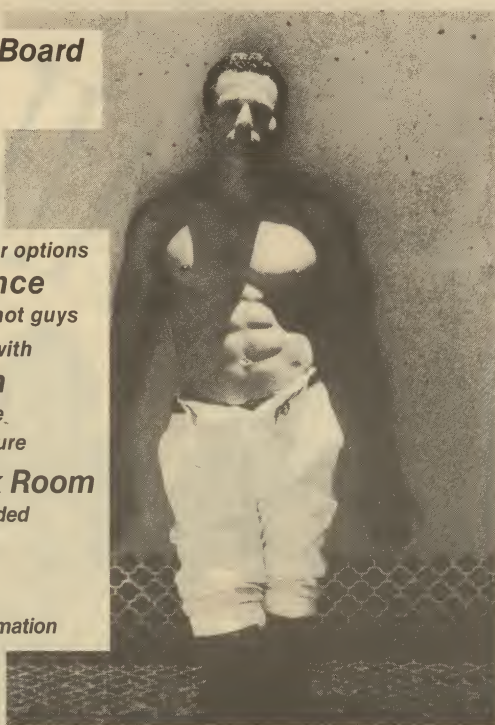


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Heymont

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were composed by its star, Robert Hardy) was that, in its good moments, it resembled a bad acid trip with Jerry Herman. Indeed, the only thing missing from this all-singing, all-dancing abomination was a production number to rival "Springtime for Hitler."

That's not to say that Mr. Hardy didn't try to create one in *Winnie*. For this musical, London's Victoria Palace Theatre was decked out to resemble a bombed-out light opera house in Potsdam, Germany, where the head of ENSA (an organization dedicated to entertaining the British armed forces) was supervising the dress rehearsal of the show with which he hoped to welcome Winston Churchill back from his almost inevitable victory in Britain's 1945 election.

Winnie's first big production number had a group of dancing chorus girls and an army tank performing together on a revolving stage. Another high point of the show took place underground in the Elephant & Castle tube station, as each member of the chorus entertained his colleagues as they sat around in an air-raid shelter, singing "I Want to Get Lit Up When the Lights Go On in London."

During *Winnie's* biggest production number, a mock-up of a nightclub trellis was rotated and backlit so that it resembled the dome of St. Paul's Cathedral, thus making way for the bombing of London. As actress Virginia (Born Free) McKenna comforted Churchill by saying, "Really, Winnie, it can't get much worse than this," I sat in the balcony, muttering, "You're fucking right, it can't."

When news came that Churchill had been defeated in the election and would not appear in Potsdam as scheduled, Ms. McKenna moved downstage to a rehearsal piano and plunked out the notes for the show's title tune (which had eerie overtones of every theme song ever written by Jerry Herman).

Members of the audience (whose average age was about 92) applauded enthusiastically throughout the show's curtain calls. Although Simon Higlett's dreary sets and Sheila O'Neill's lackluster choreography did about as much for me as a visit to Garfunkel's odious salad bar, I must admit that *Winnie* made me wonder if shows like *Kelly*, *The Fig Leaves Are Falling*, *Hot Spot*, *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, and even *Carrie* might someday be looked upon as classics of the musical theater.

Lips

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Friday the 26th Ginger's Too is having a party for Candidate Big D for Grand Duchess. Pushy Phyllis is handling this event, so mark it down.

Bar Wars 4, a benefit for the Godfather Service Fund, is on Sunday the 28th, and your tour guide for this event is the popular Mark Friese. Yes, yours truly is one of the judges, along with Steven and Lily, so it should be a blast. It ends up at Kimo's, and it's a \$10 donation for a book of tickets.

Yes, Daddy Joe Roland is still holding forth at the popular Gangway on Larkin Street, and we'll be seeing you on the 28th, Joe, because the Gangway is one of the participating bars for Bar Wars.

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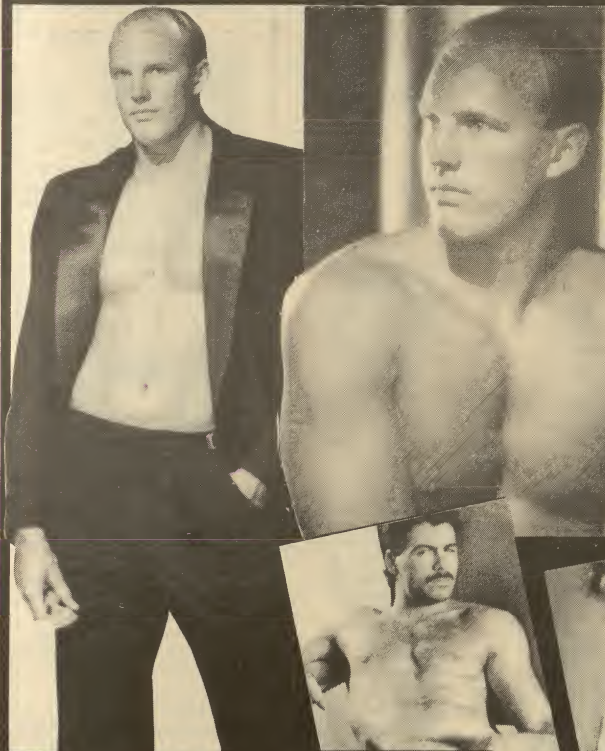
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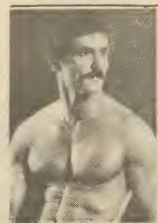
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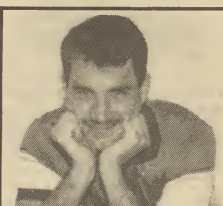
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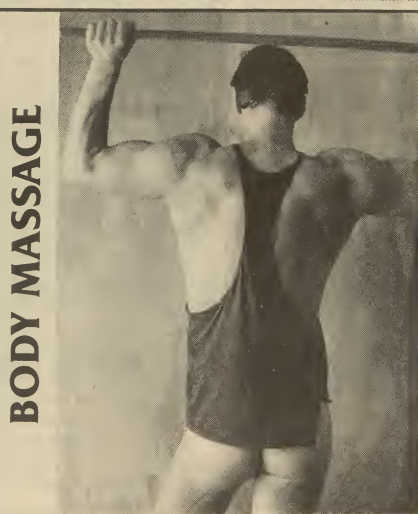


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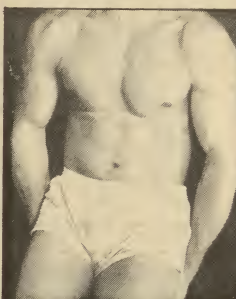
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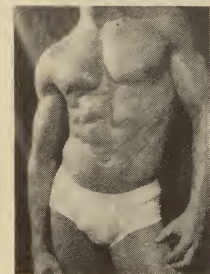


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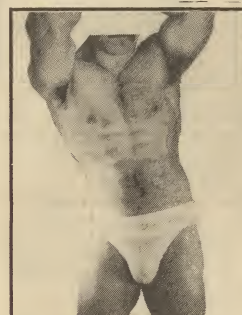
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Endup, Amelia's, Roos Win GSL Championships



The Endup at bat

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by Hal Herkenhoff

In an exciting final day of gay softball for 1988, the teams of San Francisco did themselves proud in choosing their representatives to the Gay World Series in Dallas this month. All three divisions (men's, women's, and recreational) went down to the wire in championship action at Jackson Field last weekend.

The Endup stunned the Pendulum twice, 4-3 and 6-4, to repeat for the men's title. Amelia's tied the score in the 7th inning and won it in the 9th to retake the women's crown, and the Rainbow Roos won their last four games to take the inaugural recreational division title over The Mint.

As the weekend began, there were many teams still in the running for the fun-filled trip to

Dallas' big event, expected to draw as many as 2,000 athletes and fans.

The Endup continued its march to the title with a well-played defensive battle over the Pilsner Inn, 5-0, in the men's division. Next, Uncle Bert's and the Kokpit struggled to avoid elimination. The Kokpit closed to 5-4 in the last of the 7th, but couldn't put across the winner. The Pilsner Penguins rebounded against the Cinderella Cafe Sn Marcos behind the pitching and hitting of Byron Mathews. Mathews blooped home the winning run to end the Cafe's hopes, 11-10.

Yet another close game in this year's playoffs came when Bert's nosed by the Penguins to take themselves into the final day of

the double-elimination tournament.

The long-awaited match-up between defending champ Endup and regular-season champ Pendulum proved to be defensive. With the Endup leading 4-1 in the last of the 7th, the Pendulum gave it their best shot, only to come up short at 4-3 with two runners on. The Endup had taken the advantage. The Pendulum followed their loss with a tight 8-3 win over Bert's to eliminate the Bandits and gain another chance against the Endup. Uncle Bert's finished third.

Mark Braverman of the Pendulum held on to a 3-0 lead until the 5th inning when the Endup began a three-inning hitting barrage to take a 4-3 lead and

then eventually stretch their lead to 6-3 in the championship game.

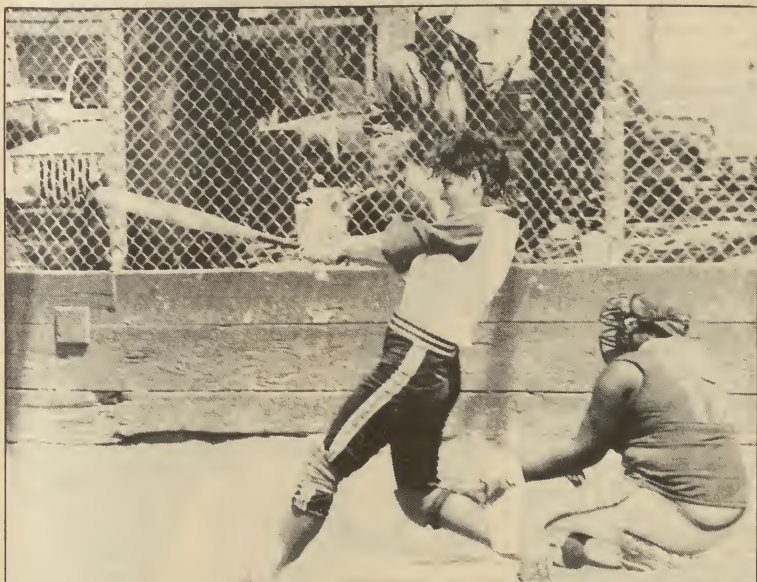
The Pendulum could add only one more run in the 7th inning, and the Endup had won two straight against the archival Pendulum to earn a second trip to the Gay World Series. A game-ending double play added emphasis to the Endup triumph, and helped ease memories of their shaky 1988 start.

The women's championship between defending champ Superstar Video and regular-season champ Amelia's was equally as dramatic. Leading only 2-1 in the final frame and

facing elimination with a loss, the Superstar Beaches fought to the end, but could not prevent Amelia's from pushing across the tying run. With the game in the 9th inning and still tied, Patti Flynn singled in the winning run to send Amelia's to Dallas with their fourth straight victory over the Beaches this year.

As if this excitement wasn't enough, the recreational division also went to great lengths to keep the crowd on the edge of their seats when the Rainbow Roos followed their earlier triumph over the Rawhide Men with a solid win over the Mint to force the second championship game.

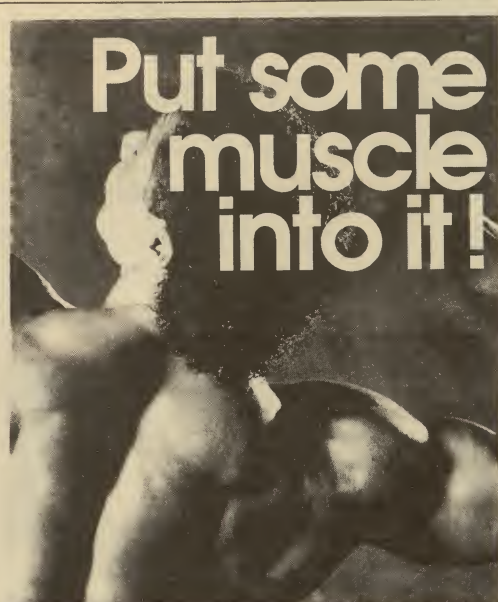
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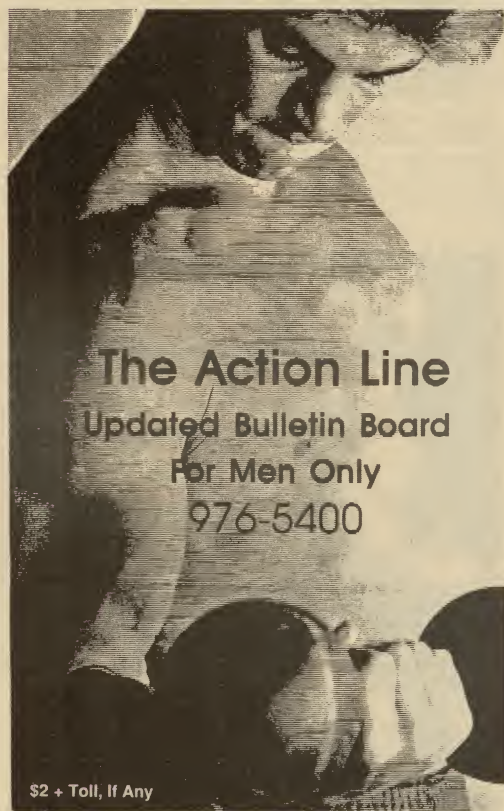
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BOWLING

Talking Up the No Tap Tourney

by Richard McPherson

Now is a good time to start talking up SFNTIT, the big no tap tournament coming up in November. The S.F. No Tap Invitational Tournament is the largest annual tournament for gay S.F., attracting hundreds of bowlers from all over the U.S. and Canada. Last Year's tourney was a great success, with more than \$20,000 in prize money distributed, and \$8,000 going to local charities. This is team, doubles, and singles event with individual handicapping, so bowlers of all levels of expertise may join in. And don't think all the prize money goes to the high average bowlers. Last year a majority of the winners had under 175 averages.

Entry forms have already been distributed in the S.F. leagues, so start putting together your teams. Entry forms and additional information may be obtained from Jeff Ingels at 553-8856 or Jackie Weil at 861-1857.

David Arnold, bowling for the S.F. Eagle Scouts, again captured high series honors for the S.F. gay leagues with a 662 series on Monday, Aug. 1, in Park Bowl's Tavern Guild Trios. His series effort was highlighted by a great 267 game. David has been marveling at all his 250+ games this past year.

"Until last year I had had only one game over 250 in my entire life. This past year I've had at least seven games over 250," he said. And, of course his best effort was a 289 game a few weeks ago at Park Bowl in the same league.

Six other bowlers shot 600+ series in the TGLs the week of Aug. 1-4: Richard McPherson (209) 253/636; Jeff Hettmansperger (199) 204, 233/630; Kevin Schwabe (109) 226, 224/622; Rob Levi (166) 222, 203/604; and Dave Lilly (197) 246/600. Special congratulations to Ernie Wilson (169) on his 254 game and 600 series.

Bowlers shooting 215+ games: Larry McBroom (174) 241, Don Gambell (167) 239, Kevin Ahart (180) 232, Kevin Sendall (173) 231, Michael Wheeler (161) 230, Vince DiColla (163) 226, Randy Peterson (187) 224, John Parry (171) 221, Byron Mathews (175) 218, Don Gambell (165) 217, and Tim Mulvenon (178) 215.



Don Gambell

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Honorable Mention (160 average and under): Derek Ow (153) 219, Frank Gallagher (156) 215, Frank Hecker (150) 207, Ralph Osborn (152) 205, Wayne Garrett (151) 204, Bill Krider (149) 203, Allen Price (159) 203, Ken Auletta (153) 201, and Lew Watson (160) 201.

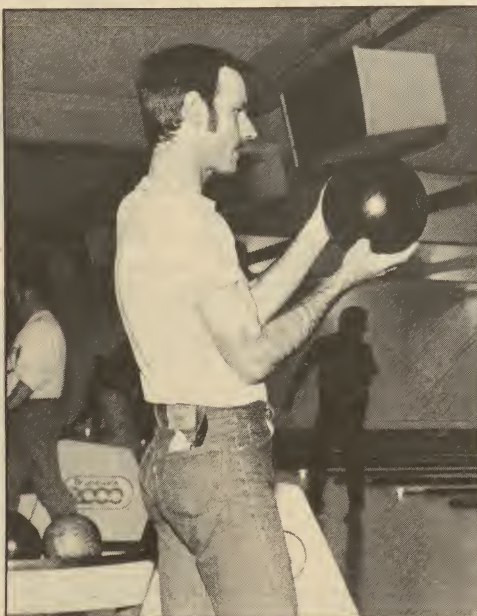
Elizabeth Yesowitch (161) had the high game for the women with a 222. Great over-average achievements were accomplished by Bob Nichols (155) 202, 217/575; Buddy Hunt (159) 201, 206/593; and Rich Edmonds (152) 205, 215/562.

Kevin Schwabe had a real thrill in the Wednesday TGL Aug. 3 when he picked up the extremely difficult 7-10 split—and this is the second time he's done it. How

does he do it? He says he throws the ball extra hard, hitting the left side of the ten pin so that it ricochets against the side and bounces back on the lane, rolling the seven pin. A tip from an expert.

Dave Lilly (190 avg.) just joined the Sunday Reno League and came out on top of all the Community Leagues with a 637 on games of 190, 210, 237. J.R. Mangilaya, a 138 average, was the only other bowler to shoot over a 210 game at Japantown when he shot a 234 game, 96 pins over his average! Geraldine Sloan (147 average) was high for the women with a 211 game.

Sign-ups for the forthcoming winter season have begun at Park (Continued on next page)



David Arnold

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BOWLING

PARK BOWL TAVERN GUILD LEAGUES

Team Standings

MONDAY TAVERN GUILD TRIOS

	W	L
1. Pilsner Pinguins	43	17
2. Fart Blossoms	36	24
3. Main Course	35½	24½
4. All American	34½	25
5. S.F. Eagle	34	26
6. S.F. Eagle Scouts	34	26
7. Cafe Sn Marcos	33½	26½
8. Capricorn Coffees	33	27
9. Peewee's Playhouse	32½	27½
10. Pilsner Pin Pals	32	28
11. Stud Puppets	29	31
12. Unholy Rollers	28½	31½
13. Park Bowl	28	32
14. Bowler Types	28	32
15. Gough Balls	27	33
16. Bobbie Pins	27	33
17. Play With It Ltd	26	34
18. Inches	26	34
19. Pig Bitches	24	36
20. Pet Stop	23	37
21. Pin Curls	22	38
22. Give Me Briefs	21½	38½

MONDAY TAVERN GUILD

	W	L
1. Pilsner Pinguins	33	19
2. Park Bowl	32	20
3. Castro Station	31	21
4. Rolo's	30	22
5. Frantic Finishers III	30	22
6. Wee Willie Kokpit	27	25
7. Welcome Home	26	26
8. Rawhide II	26	26
9. Roommatters	25	27

10. What's My Line	24	28
11. Pendulum Devils	24	28
12. Lambda Capital	21	31
13. Pet Stop Cocktails	21	31
14. Jack Trux I	19	33

WEDNESDAY TAVERN GUILD

	W	L
1. Play With It, Ltd	52	16
2. Leftovers	47	21
3. Pendulum	47	21
4. Bow-K	44	24
5. Park Bowl	41½	26½
6. Pilsner #1	39	29
7. Rolo's	38	30
8. Pilsner Pintless Sisters	35½	32½
9. 9 Eyes Only	33	35
10. Michael Brunos	33	35
11. Schmidt & Schmidt	32½	35½
12. Pendulum Pandas	31½	36½
13. Revenge of Pilsnerds	30½	37½
14. Pilsner E-Z Pick Up	30	38
15. Ram's Head Bar	28	40
16. Rams and Ewe	27	41
17. The Bear	25	43
18. Pilsner Quackers	24	40
19. DK's Unmentnables	22	46
20. Gutter Girls	16½	47½

THURSDAY TAVERN GUILD

	W	L
1. Park Bowl	50½	17½
2. Play With It, Ltd.	42	26
3. Hit Your Mark	39	29
4. Superstar Video	38½	29½
5. Trax Trash	37	31
6. S.F. Eagle	35½	32½

JAPANTOWN BOWL COMMUNITY LEAGUES

Team Standings

TUESDAY COMMUNITY

	W	L
1. Mr. C's Parking	24	12
2. Lois Lanes	21½	14½
3. Bobby Pins	21	11
4. Missing Persons	20½	15½
5. Pinatration	20	16
6. Genesis	20	16
7. Tender Vittles	19	17
8. Twin Peaks	19	17
9. That Team	18	18
10. 501 Blues	17	15
11. Brendanettes	15	21
12. Beastie Boys	15	21
13. Knockers XXX	10	26
14. Ball Babies	8	28

WEDNESDAY COMMUNITY

	W	L
1. Dead Yuppies	28	12
2. Play With It, Ltd.	27	13
3. Tidy Bowls	22	18
4. Pinheads	22	18
5. Men's Rm. Monitors	20	20
6. 69ers	19½	20½
7. Lowest Lane	16	24
8. Gutter Boys	16	24
9. A. E. F. Maulers	15½	24½
10. Rumbler II	14	26

THURSDAY COMMUNITY

	W	L
1. Old Rick's	19	9
2. Pendulum	18	10
3. Wooden Horse	17½	10½
4. Hot 'N' Hunky	17	11
5. The Special	17	11
6. Nine Down	16½	11½
7. Uncle Bertis	13	15
8. The Rubbers	13	15
9. Hob Nob	13	11
10. Thirty Niners	10	18
11. Galleon	9	19
12. Team #12	0	24

SUNDAE RENO

	W	L
1. Bob's Biggies	17	3
2. Pins-Tripe	15	5
3. Bearly Bowlers	13½	6½
4. Castro Sta. Alley Cats	13	7
5. Lust	13	7
6. Four Aces	13	7
7. You won't Forget	11½	8½
8. Team #5	11	9
9. Team #9	11	9
10. Sassy, Again	9	11
11. Leather and Lace	9	11
12. Detour Hirollers	6	10
13. Bimbos and Bumpers	4	12
14. Team #13	1	19

7. Inches	34	34
8. Pilsner 4 Play	33	35
9. Styles & Staymens	33	35
10. All Da Rite Stuff	32½	35½
11. Bob, Ted, Carol & Alice	28	40
12. Trax	27½	40½
13. Is It Over Yet?	23	45
14. No Jackie	15½	52½



Dave Lily

(Photo: Photo Graphics/Darlene)

Bowling

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Bowl, and there are a whole plethora of leagues to choose from. Following is a list of the gay and lesbian leagues, listed in order of starting date. (Pre-season meetings are usually one week prior to starting date.)

Sept. 8, Hawaii Vacation League, Thursdays, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$20/week (approx.)

Sept. 18, Sunday Trios League, 2:30 p.m. Cost \$8/week (gay and straight league)

Sept. 19, TG Monday League, 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$9/week

Sept. 21, TG Wednesday League, 8:30 p.m. Cost: \$9/week

Sept. 25, S.F. Women's Business League (all women), 6 p.m. Cost: TBD.

Sept. 29, TG Thursday League, 9 p.m. Cost \$9/week

October 10, TG Monday Trios League, 6:30 p.m. Cost: \$9/week.

No experience is necessary to join a gay league; bowlers may enter themselves or a whole team. The leagues are filling up fast, so call Mal Garcia at 752-2366 to sign up or get more info.

Want a hot Saturday afternoon? Get down to the S.F. Eagle's Second Annual Event '88, billed as an "athletic street fair." This Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon to 6 p.m., a crowd of men and women jocks will fill 12th Street at Harrison to party it up and support some worthwhile causes.

The street will be lined with booths sponsored by a number of gay sports organizations providing food, games, and the normal frivolity. Non-stop entertainment will be on hand. Fifty percent of the proceeds will go to the AIDS Emergency Fund, and the balance will go to the sponsoring sports organizations.

No bowling groups have booths this year, but this gives us plenty of time to plan for the 3rd annual.

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TRACK & FIELD

Trio Sprints Into the Elite



Earl Bryant

(Photo: Steve Savage)

by Rick Thoman

Earl Bryant, Frank Demby and Rick Thoman streaked into the top 20 of the Nation's sprinters at the TAC National Masters Championship Meet, Aug. 4-7, in Orlando, Florida.

Performing as they have all season, the San Francisco trio continued to run within tenths of a second of each other in their 100 meters and within 1/100ths of a second in the 200 meters. Although they failed to make the finals in either race, their performances in the semi-finals placed them in the top 20 in both events.

Bryant, who has turned in the team's fastest performance in the 100 meters this year, led the way in that race with a time of 12.2 seconds to give him a National ranking of 17 in the men's 35-39 age group. Of the three S.F. runners, Bryant came closest to qualifying for the finals in the 100 meters.

Demby edged Thoman at the finish line in their semi-final heat to take 19th place with a time of 12.40 seconds, followed closely by Thoman at 12.43 in 20th position nationally.

The trio fared better in the 200 meters as Demby ran a strong race for a 24.53 clocking, placing him 15th overall nationally in the 35-39 age group. Following closely on Demby's heels was Bryant, ranked 16th with a time of 24.57 seconds. Thoman dashed off a 24.60 for 18th place overall.

While the three have run faster times this season, they were generally pleased with their performances at the National Championship meet, where they battled not only the Nation's best runners but the energy-draining Florida sun and humidity as well.

"Once again, we failed to break into the finals in the 100 and 200, but we are inching closer to that elite pack each year and we know the rest of the field takes us seriously," said Demby. "Some people in San Francisco mistakenly think we run against other gay runners, but that's not the case except for the Gay Games. These (the runners at the National Championships) were the cream of the crop in running for 1988 and we feel we accomplished something by breaking

into the top 20 Nationally in these two events, which are among the most competitive on the track."

"It was gratifying to make the top 20 against the field we met in Orlando," Bryant agreed. "As a group, we've been running stronger this year than ever before, but we've been struggling against the Accutrack timing device which has consistently given us what we feel to be slow times. Its just one more aspect of racing that we're learning to deal with. You train to run your fastest and you learn to live with the Accutrack time."

The San Francisco Track & Field Club continues to train at San Francisco State University for a handful of meets that remain in the 1988 season. Practice sessions are Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m. The team encourages anyone interested in participating to join the team at a practice session and learn to train at their own level of ability. For more information, call 641-1786.

'Gay Run '88' Rescheduled To October 16

Gay Run '88, originally scheduled for July 24, was postponed due to the conflict with the AIDS Walk. The membership of S.F. FrontRunners, the sponsors of the race, felt that since the walk raises so much money for AIDS, it would be better to reschedule the race.

Many people did show up on the day of the race and were very understanding when told the reason for the postponement.

The race is scheduled for Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. and starts by the parking lot by the Polo Fields on Middle Drive. The race is a 10K or 5K loop open to runners, walkers, and people in wheelchairs. There will be an awards ceremony and celebration picnic following the race.

All profits from the race will be going to Open Hand. For more information, please call Larry Smyle at 566-4417.

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Softball

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Moved by the loss of their popular teammate Joey Loza the night before due to AIDS, the Roos showed their customary spirit, rallying behind Richard Schwarzenberger's defense and smart base running to win 7-6 in the last inning and earn the San Francisco spot in the Dallas recreational division.

Good luck to all three San Francisco representatives at the Dallas Gay World Series!

Just before the departure of our champions, there will be a GSL fundraiser sponsored by the S.F. Eagle Saturday, Aug. 20, from noon until 6 p.m. to benefit the GSL/PWA Fund, the Godfather Fund, and the AIDS Emergency Fund. Titled "Event 88," this is the second annual and includes food, game booths, and loads of entertainment. All

GSL players and fans are encouraged to support Event 88 and help send our champions to the World Series.

In the most competitive season in GSL history, it has definitely been my pleasure to watch the players give it their all, diving in the dirt and doing everything they could to help their team's cause. But most of all, it has been a joy to watch all of the new friendships forming and to see all of the goodwill softball fosters

among the gay men and lesbians of the GSL.

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

MEN'S TOURNAMENT:

Endup 5, Pilsner Inn 0
Uncle Bert's Place 5, Kokpit 4 (Kokpit eliminated)
Pilsner Inn 11, Cafe Sn Marcos 10 (Cafe Sn Marcos eliminated)
Uncle Bert's 11, Pilsner Inn 7 (8 innings) (Pilsner eliminated)
Endup 4, Pendulum 3
Pendulum 8, Uncle Bert's 3 (Uncle Bert's eliminated)

Championship Game:

Endup 6, Pendulum 4

WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONSHIP:

Amelia's 3, Superstar Video 2 (9 innings)

RECREATIONAL TOURNAMENT:

Rainbow Roos 18, Rawhide Men 5 (Rawhide eliminated)
Rainbow Roos 9, The Mint 2

Championship Game:

Rainbow Roos 7, The Mint 6

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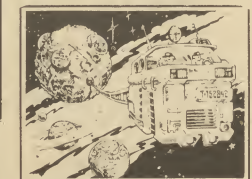
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